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FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 11/27/78TO: SACFROM: SA b6
b7CRE: File No. 92-696

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

☐ Destroyedunder the ☐ 6-month☐ 10-year Rule☐ Auxiliary Office original FD-302s, Laboratory or Latent FP reports and/or 1-A Exhibit or Bulky Exhibit FD-192 green sheets have been forwarded to OO as applicable.☒ Retained

Justification for Retention is as Follows:

Intelligence - Subject LCN member & although
deceased file potential value as subject has
relatives who are LCN members in other parts
of U.S.

Case Agent's Initials infoSupervisor's Initials U

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696)

DATE: 1-11-66

FROM : IC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: KC

Re Kansas City report by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated
12-27-65.

On 1-10-66, [REDACTED] Secretary, Governors
Office, Jefferson City, Mo., stated that her records reflects
a warrant was received from Wisconsin on 9-7-65, to extradite
subject. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that this warrant was
reviewed by Mr. PAUL N. CHITWOOD, Assistant Attorney General,
after which it was returned to Wisconsin, 9-9-65, with notation
Complaint found to be defective due to insufficient/as it was
filed on information and belief by [REDACTED] instead of
on his personal knowledge. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that an
amended complaint was returned to Missouri by Wisconsin on
12-27-65, which would appear to be in order. Mrs. [REDACTED]
stated that subject is scheduled for extradition hearings on
Tuesday, 1-25-66, at 11:00 a.m. CST, in the Executive Office,
Capitol Bldg, Jefferson City, Mo.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has a letter in this file
from [REDACTED] Counselor at Law, [REDACTED], Kansas
City, Mo., which reflects that he wanted to have a hearing with
the Governor before the documents were executed.

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[] stated that [] was notified on 1-5-66 of the upcoming extradition hearing. Mrs. [] stated that there is nothing in this file which would indicate a special hearing with the Governor by []

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Mrs. [] stated that there has never been an extradition hearing regarding this case.

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Date: 1-31-66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SACs, Albany	Denver	Miami	Phoenix
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From Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTIONCRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

The Bureau has conducted extensive file reviews concerning the membership of La Cosa Nostra, reducing the data contained therein to a form suitable for Automatic Data Processing (ADP). Certain data necessary to complete this automation was not sufficiently clear as reported, or in some instances, had not been furnished to the Bureau in the form necessary. Enclosed are ADP proof sheets indicating for the subjects of your office the categories needing completion.

You are to determine the necessary data below for each subject noted and return results to Bureau by report or letter, under subject's case caption, within 10 days of this communication. In the event your results are reported by letter you will insure that the information not worth is also furnished by report to be disseminated.. In those instances in which a letter is used you are to designate three copies to the Bureau.

Only those categories noted below the subject's name are to be submitted. The following are the categories most often undetermined:

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Criminal Intelligence Program

1. FBI number
2. Rank in LCN (designate current rank, including proposed, suspected or possible member).
3. Birth date, place and verification (by birth, baptismal, midwife or doctor's certificate, INS record or delayed recording).
4. Status (designate whether subject is currently active, retired, missing, a fugitive, incarcerated or deceased).
5. Best source number (identify informant or source furnishing LCN data re subject. Type is symbol designation, SA, C-IE, PC, C, PCI.)
6. Member relative (has subject a relation by blood or marriage who is also a member of LCN? If so, designate the "family" to which the relative belongs.)
7. Legitimate enterprise (list most recent by name and type - cartage, vending, produce, etc.)
8. Illegal activity (list most recent three).
9. Nicknames or alias (list two most common to subject).
10. Describe subject's race, complexion, build, height and weight.
11. Areas of activity (other offices having past or present interest in subject).
12. Places frequented (list up to five main places by name and type - bar, nightclub, social club, etc).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

DATE: 2/3/66

FROM : Supervisor ROBERT E. KENT

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
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ReBuairtel 1/31/66, a copy of which is designated
for captioned file.

ADP proof sheets attached to the original Buairtel
contained the following information re captioned subject:

Birth Verification Not Verified Bufile 92-05130

This matter should be handled in accordance with
instructions contained in referenced Buairtel.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To : SAC (92-696)

Date: 2/24/66

From : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

Subject: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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The Agent to whom this case is assigned has been working full time since 1/13/66 on the special investigation conducted in the case "PALMUR," 00 Kansas City, KC 72-81, under the direction of Assistant Director W. MARK FELT. Immediately prior to this date considerable investigation was also conducted in investigation and trial preparation in the case "SALVATORE EUGENE PALMA, aka; ET AL, ITSP; ETC." 00 Kansas City, Bufile 87-84296, KC 87-18879.

REK:MEJ/
(1) MEJ

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SAC, Milwaukee (92-166)

2/28/66

J SAC, Kansas City (92-696) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Records, Missouri Secretary of State's Office,
Jefferson City, Mo., reflect that an amended complaint was
received from the State of Wisconsin on 12/27/65 in relation
to subject.

Milwaukee is requested to contact Wisconsin Assistant
Attorney General's Office and determine status of warrant
received 12/27/65 by Missouri Secretary of State.

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2-Kansas City
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-9-30)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-145-Sub A) (P)

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Re: airtel, 2/21/66.

ORGANIZED CRIME

KANSAS CITY HOODLUMS' VISIT TO MILWAUKEE

Re: airtel reported that according to [redacted] JIM BALESTRENE, Kansas City, Mo., was in Milwaukee, Wis., for the last rites for JOHN PICCINERO, aka John Pich, age 57, Milwaukee tavern operator and uncle of FRANK BALISTRIERI (head of the LCN in Milwaukee). This informant learned that JIM BALESTRENE's Brother BUSTEN, also of Kansas City, did not come to Milwaukee on this occasion, since it was speculated by informant and his contacts that BUSTEN was afraid a state John Doe investigation subpoena might be served on him if his presence in Wisconsin became known to appropriate authorities.

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- 3 - Bureau (AMEM)
4 - Kansas City (AMEM) (Info.)
 (1 - [redacted])
 (1 - JOHN MOLLE)
 (1 - BUSTEN BALESTRENE)
 (1 - JIM (JAMES) BALESTRENE)
1 - Las Vegas (AMEM) (Info.)
 (1 - [redacted])
2 - Milwaukee
 (1 - [redacted])
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It should be noted that PETER and JIM BALISTRERI of Kansas City are cousins of FRANK and PETER BALISTRERI of Milwaukee.

On 2/23/66, [] confirmed the above information as furnished by [] and the former stated that BUSTER BALISTRERI definitely did not come to Milwaukee for the accumulative reason mentioned by []. In addition, [] advised on 2/23/66 that JOHN NOLLE also of Kansas City came to Milwaukee for JOHN PICCIURRO's last rites.

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On 2/24/66, [] advised he had learned of the following from his sources: Sometime earlier in [] of [] PETER BALISTRERI, Milwaukee LCN member and brother of FRANK BALISTRERI, either [] JOHN NOLLE at [], from where they would continue on []. To the best of informant's knowledge, this was to be [] however, these [] due to JOHN PITCH's death so they came back to Milwaukee. On 2/24/66, [] also advised as follows:

[] FRANK BALISTRERI in Milwaukee [] years ago, [] at that time, went to [] and later to [] in [] is 40 to 45 years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds, dark hair - greying, good dresser and arrogant manner. Within approximately the past [] came to [] FRANK BALISTRERI at his [] informant did not know where [] was residing in Milwaukee.

On 2/28/66, [] informed that [] had [] allegedly to go [] after incurring [] FRANK BALISTRERI because [] was [] about how he was going []

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[redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant had no information that [redacted] is an LCN member.

Milwaukee file references reflect that according to Milwaukee PD, [redacted] was born [redacted]

ANTHONY THOMBINO was, along with ANTHONY BONCATO, were found murdered in a parked car in Los Angeles on 8/6/51 according to the Los Angeles PD. THOMBINO and BONCATO were described as Kansas City hoodlums.

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Copies of this communication are being furnished Kansas City and Las Vegas for information and any action deemed warranted.

[redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past. [redacted] and [redacted]

Both informants were contacted by SA CARLYLE H. REED.

NOTE: EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY USE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] WHO IS AN LCN MEMBER TO AVOID COMPROMISING HIM.

3/9/66

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

JH FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Re Bureau airtel to Albany 1/31/66, entitled
"CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

Subject's birth was verified as November 16, 1918,
through birth record located Bureau of Vital Statistics,
Kansas City, Mo. Birth records reflect name as BASTANO
BALESTRERI.

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②-Kansas City
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) RUC

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka (92-696)
Buster Balestrere;
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DATE: 3/9/66

OO: KC (92-696)

JOHN B. MOLLE, aka (92-782)
AR

OO: KC

For the information of Kansas City, JOHN PICCIURO, aka JOHN PITCH, Milwaukee Tavern Operator, died of natural causes on 2/14/66 and was buried at Milwaukee on 2/17/66. There was a wake for PICCIURO at the Guarlabene & Amato Funeral home, North Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 2/15/66. As the Kansas City files will reflect [redacted]

[redacted] JAMES BUSTER and VITO BALESTRERE and Mrs. JOHN (Ann) MOLLE, all of Kansas City, Mo.

On 2/18/66 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and [redacted] and acquaintance of Italian Hoodlums in Milwaukee, furnished the following information to SA CARLYLE N. REED:

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Informant attended PICCIURO's wake on the night of 2/16/66 and noted that JOHN MOLLE and one of the BALESTRERE, believed to be JIM BALESTRERE were in attendance at the wake. This informant did not observe BUSTER BALESTRERE as being in attendance at the wake and did not know if BUSTER had come to Milwaukee on this occasion. It was informant's understanding that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]

- (4) - Kansas City
2 cc 92-696
2 cc 92-782
3 - Milwaukee
1 cc 92-166
1 cc 92-451
1 cc [redacted]

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Milwaukee file 92-166

[redacted]
[redacted] FRANK and PETER
BALISTRIERI were present at the wake on the night of
February 16, 1966, they being brothers and nephews
of PICCIURO. [redacted] has identified FRANK
BALISTRIERI as head of the LCN in Milwaukee and his
brother PETE as an LCN member.

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On 2/24/66 [redacted] who has furnished reliable
information in the past and who is a Milwaukee hoodlum,
advised SA CARLYLE N. REED that he was out of the city
of Milwaukee at the time of JOHN PITCH's death. This
informant said that he had heard "rumbles" that
BUSTER BALESTRERE of Kansas City had come to Milwaukee
for JOHN PITCH's funeral.

Other inquiries regarding out of towners, who may
have been at the wake and funeral for JOHN PITCH ,
have not substantiated the presence of BUSTER BALESTRERE
in Milwaukee for this funeral.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of
Kansas City and in the event the whereabouts of BUSTER,
JAMES and VETO BALESTRERE was unknown by Kansas City
during the week of 2/14-17/66 it is probable that they
were in Milwaukee for PITCH's funeral.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

DATE: 3/10/66

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kansas City, Mo., were reviewed by the writer on 3/8/66. File 5100-18 reflected that BUSTANO BALESTRERI was born 11/16/18; father FRANCISCO BALESTRERI, age 40, born Castellamore, Italy, occupation laborer, address 532 Troost; mother listed as GUISEPPE NAVARRA or NARAVA, age 35, same address, with five older children. [redacted] was listed as [redacted]. Record of birth was filed [redacted]. Information was furnished by Mrs. [redacted].

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Date 3/9/66

The following information was made public upon the
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum dated [redacted]
which was directed to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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On 3/3/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 - 155
by SA WILLIAM J. QUINN (lib) Date dictated 3/8/66

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

FROM : Supervisor ROBERT E. KENT

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

DATE: 3/26/66

A review has been made under subpoena of [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] in the PALMUR special. Reviewed in connection
with [redacted]
[redacted], results of which have been submitted to the
case file by FD-302.

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In order to determine [redacted]
[redacted], appropriate leads should be
set out in the substantive case file and results included
in the next intelligence report submitted on captioned sub-
ject. Any information pertinent to the PALMUR investigation
must be immediately channeled to that file and appropriate
investigative attention initiated.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

4/14/66

JH SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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(OO Kansas City)

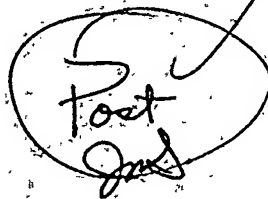


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

DATE: 4/8/66

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE [REDACTED] P

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 3/24/66, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA CARLYLE N. REED:

Informant learned [REDACTED], LCN member in Milwaukee, that PETER BALISTRERI, LCN member, left Milwaukee, Wis., on or about 3/10/66, with JOE BALISTRERI, son of FRANK BALISTRERI, LCN head in Milwaukee. PETE & JOE went to Kansas City, Mo. where they visited BUSTER BALISTRERE and JOE GURERA. The latter is suppose to be in the insurance business in Kansas City at the present time. JOE BALISTRERI returned to Milwaukee before PETER BALISTRERI returned. The latter came back to Milwaukee on or about 3/21/66. The purpose of this trip was unknown, other than it was suppose to be a visit, the PETE & FRANK BALISTRERIs being related to BUSTER BALISTRERE.

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[REDACTED] is described as a hoodlum who has furnished reliable information in the past.

You are cautioned in the reporting and any other utilization of the above information furnished by [REDACTED] such as used in interviews, so as to avoid any compromise of this informant.

4-Kansas City (2-92-BUSTER BALISTRERE) (RM)
(2-92-JOSEPH GURERA) (RM)
4-Milwaukee [REDACTED] (92-262) (92-226) (94-316)
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-9-30)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (62-145-Sub A) -P-

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ORGANIZED CRIME

LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN)

Milwaukee-Chicago

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On 4/12/66 [redacted] advised SA CARLYLE H. REED as follows:

This informant learned [redacted]

Milwaukee hoodlum and LCN member. That on [redacted]

[redacted] of JOE BALISTRERI, son of FRANK BALISTRERI,
boss of LCN, Milwaukee. The nature of this visit by [redacted]
unknown. [redacted] FRANK
BALISTRERI [redacted]

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1-Milwaukee City (62-145-Sub A) Regular Mail

1-Milwaukee (cc: [redacted] cc: 62-473 cc: 62-316)

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Milwaukee-Kansas City

On 4/29/66 [] advised SA CARLYLE W. REED as follows:

Informant learned [] that BUSTER BALISTRERE, Kansas City, Mo., hoodlum was in Milwaukee for about a week as of 4/29/66 and might still be in Milwaukee. BALISTRERE []

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Chicago and Kansas City should avoid any dissemination of above information or utilize it in independent investigations in any manner which might compromise [] who is described as a hoodlum who has furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

FROM : *WRB* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

DATE: 4/14/66

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 2/28/66.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
 on 3/30/66 and 4/7/66:

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

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Office of Assistant Attorney General, State of Wisconsin, advised that extradition proceedings have been instituted through the Governor's Office in regard to having subject returned to Wisconsin. He advised that this matter is now before the court in Wisconsin in regard to the ruling regarding the new warrant which had to be obtained because the previous warrant had been declared defective. He advised that he would advise when a decision has been reached in regard to extradition proceedings by the court in Wisconsin.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Madison, Wisconsin

Will follow this matter with of the Assistant Attorney General's Office.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) RUC

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

DATE: 5/9/66

OO: Kansas City

Re: Kansas City letter to Milwaukee 4/14/66

On 5/9/66, MI CS 2 advised that Milwaukee telephone number 272-2501 is listed to PETER J. BALISTRIERI at 1634 North Jackson St., Milwaukee.

It is believed that the Kansas City Division has additional information in their files concerning PETER J. BALISTRIERI, however, PETER J. BALISTRIERI is the brother of FRANK P. BALISTRIERI, who is the reported boss of the LCN family in Milwaukee.

② Kansas City
1 - Milwaukee (92-166)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 5/10/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/10 - 5/9/66
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka Bustano Balestreri		REPORT MADE BY GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	TYPED BY lib
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

Title is marked changed to add the name BUSTANO BALESTRERI, as reflected on birth records at Kansas City, Missouri.

REFERENCES: Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, 2/28/66
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/28/66, entitled
 "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, MILWAUKEE
 DIVISION, WEEKLY SUMMARY."
 Milwaukee letters to Kansas City 3/9/66; 4/8/66;
 4/14/66, and 5/9/66
 Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, 4/14/66.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in this report.

Case pending over one year (Yes) Prosecution pending over 6 mos. (No)

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MILWAUKEE

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

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Will verify [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning
subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report extends from 1/10/66 to 5/9/66 and is due to the fact that Agent to whom case assigned has been working exclusively during that period on investigation concerning case entitled "PALMUR", KC 72-81, Bufile 87-84296.

INFORMANTS

KC T-1 is [REDACTED] contacted by Milwaukee Div.
KC T-2 is [REDACTED] contacted by Milwaukee Div.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, Mo.

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 5/18/66

Field Office File #: 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Birth records, Kansas City, Mo., reflect subject born 11/16/18, Kansas City, Mo. Subject reportedly visited with his cousin after acceptance of JOHN DOE subpoena. Wisconsin authorities investigating crime conditions, Kenosha, Wisconsin, area. Subject reportedly did not attend funeral of brother-in-law in Milwaukee. Relatives, Milwaukee, reportedly visited subject in Kansas City. Long distance telephone calls made from subject's residence telephone to residence of PETER BALISTRERI, Milwaukee. Subject interviewed and denied any knowledge of homicide of SAM PALMA.

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DETAILS:

BIRTH RECORDS

Mrs. [REDACTED], Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on March 8, 1966, that file 5100-18 reflected that BUSTANO BALESTRERI was born November 16, 1918; father FRANCISCO BALESTRERI, age 40, born Castellamore, Italy, occupation laborer, address 532 Troost; mother listed as GUISEPPA NAVARRA or NARAVA, age 35, same address, with five older children. [REDACTED] was listed as [REDACTED]. Record of birth was filed [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GRAND JURY
PROCEEDING, STATE OF WISCONSIN.

On January 10, 1966, [redacted] Secretary, Governor's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised IC [redacted] that her records reflect a warrant was received from Wisconsin on September 7, 1965, to extradite subject. Mrs. [redacted] stated that this warrant was reviewed by Mr. PAUL N. CHITWOOD, Assistant Attorney General, after which it was returned to Wisconsin, September 9, 1965, with notation complaint found to be defective due to insufficient wording as it was filed on information and belief by [redacted] instead of on his personal knowledge. Mrs. [redacted] stated that an amended complaint was returned to Missouri by Wisconsin on December 27, 1965, which would appear to be in order. Mrs. [redacted] stated that subject is scheduled for extradition hearings on Tuesday, January 25, 1966, at 11:00 a.m., CST, in the Executive Office, Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Missouri. b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she has a letter in this file from [redacted] Counselor at Law, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, which reflects that he wanted to have a hearing with the Governor before the documents were executed. Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was notified on January 5, 1966, of the upcoming extradition hearing. Mrs. [redacted] stated that there is nothing in this file which would indicate a special hearing with the Governor by [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] stated that there has never been an extradition hearing regarding this case.

The Milwaukee Division advised on April 14, 1966, as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on March 30 and April 7, 1966:

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN:

[redacted] Office of Assistant Attorney General, State of Wisconsin, advised that extradition proceedings have

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been instituted through the Governor's Office in regard to having subject returned to Wisconsin. He advised that this matter is now before the court in Wisconsin in regard to the ruling regarding the new warrant which had to be obtained because the previous warrant had been declared defective. He advised that he would advise when a decision has been reached in regard to extradition proceedings by the court in Wisconsin.

KC T-2 advised on April 29, 1966, that DUSTER BALESTRERE, Kansas City hoodlum figure, was in Milwaukee for about a week as of April 29, 1966, and might still be in Milwaukee. T-2 reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] T-2 stated that since the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FUNERAL OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW

KC T-2 advised on February 28, 1966, that JAMES BALESTRERE, Kansas City, Missouri, was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the last rights of JOHN PICCIURO, who is also known as JOHN PITCH. T-2 advised that BALESTRERE's brother, BUSTER, did not come to Milwaukee on this occasion, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-2 advised that JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City also came to Milwaukee for the funeral.

The Milwaukee Division furnished the following information on March 9, 1966:

JOHN PICCIURO, Milwaukee tavern operator, died of natural causes February 14, 1966, and was buried at Milwaukee February 17, 1966. There was a wake for PICCIURO at the Guarlabene & Amato Funeral home, North Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 15 and 16, 1966. Prior investigation has reflected [REDACTED] JAMES and BUSTER BALESTRERE and of Mrs. JOHN MOLLE, all of Kansas City, Missouri.

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KC T-1 advised that on the night of February 16, 1966, he observed JOHN MOLLE and a person believed to be JAMES BALESTRERE at the wake. BUSTER BALESTRERE was not observed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 3/9/66

The following information was made public upon the
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum dated [redacted]
which was directed to [redacted]

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On 3/3/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696

by SA WILLIAM J. QUINN (lib) Date dictated 3/8/66

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The Milwaukee Division advised on May 9, 1966, that

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PETER BALISTRIERI has been identified as a relative of JOHN PICCIURO and possibly cousin of subject.

KC T-2 advised on March 24, 1966, that PETER BALISTRIERI, who is a member of the La Cosa Nostra, together with JOE BALISTRIERI, visited Kansas City, Missouri, on or about March 10, 1966, where they visited BUSTER BALESTRERE and his brother-in-law JOSEPH GURERA. JOSEPH BALISTRIERI reportedly returned to Milwaukee prior to the return of PETER BALISTRIERI, who returned on or about March 21, 1966. T-2 did not know the purpose of this trip other than it was reported to be a visit inasmuch as PETER BALISTRIERI is related to BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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Subject was interviewed on February 24, 1966, by SAs FRANKLIN J. WALLS and [REDACTED] at the Nothing Special Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning another investigation. BALESTRERE stated that he is the owner of that establishment and continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension.

BALESTRERE stated he had been acquainted with SALVATORE EUGENE PALMA, but did not actually know him from [REDACTED]. He was aware [REDACTED] in Kansas City, and recalls [REDACTED] on two or three occasions. BALESTRERE stated that neither [REDACTED] had ever [REDACTED] and he had no association with them.

In respect to NICK, CARL and TONY CIVELLA, BALESTRERE advised he knows them, but does not associate with them and they do not visit his establishment. BALESTRERE stated he had no information concerning the death of SALVATORE PALMA, nor would he offer an opinion as to how PALMA died.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

May 18, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-696

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
dated 5/18/66 at Kansas City.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Kansas City, Missouri

May 18, 1966

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Following is the characterization of informants utilized in report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff dated May 18, 1966, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T-1 is a hoodlum of Milwaukee area, who has knowledge of criminal activity in that area.

KC T-2 is a hoodlum of Milwaukee area, who has knowledge of criminal activity in that area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka;
AR

DATE: 5/23/66

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re: Milwaukee letter dated 4/14/66.

Date: 5/11/66
Place: Madison, Wisconsin
Agent: [REDACTED]

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*Ind. in
ref. 7/20/66*

[REDACTED] Office of Assistant Attorney General, State of Wisconsin, advised that on April 26, 1966, BALESTRERE gave himself up with his attorney to authorities at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He advised he is presently out of bond for further court action in May of 1966, the date of which he is not sure of but believes it may be May 28, 1966. He advised that his office had no opportunity to talk with the subject and has no information regarding his activities prior to his giving himself up.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Will follow prosecutive action regarding BALESTRERE with the Kenosha County Court or with the Sheriff's Office, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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2 - Milwaukee (92-166)

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BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE, also known as BUSTER BALESTRERE, was interviewed at the Nothing Special Bar, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE advised he is the owner of that establishment, and that he resides at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension.

Regarding SALVATORE EUGENE PALMA, also known as SAM PALMA, BALESTRERE advised that he actually did not know SAM PALMA from [redacted] but did know that [redacted] and stated that he had [redacted] on two or three occasions. He claimed that they were never in his bar; that he did not socialize with them, and that he did not associate with anyone in particular who was a close associate of SAM PALMA.

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Regarding NICK, CARL, and TONY CIVELLA, he advised he knows them but that he does not associate with them; that they do not come to his bar, and that he only knows them on a slight speaking acquaintance.

Regarding the manner in which SAM PALMA died, BALESTRERE advised he has absolutely no information and would not offer an opinion as to how he died.

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On 2/24/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 72-81

by SAs FRANKLIN J. WALLS (lib) Date dictated 2/25/66
and [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/2/66

BUSTER BALESTRERE was interviewed at the Nothing Special Bar, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE stated he still is operating this location and feels that in two or three months, if business progresses as it has, that he will be making a success of the tavern.

He stated that he continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BALESTRERE advised that he accepted a summons from the State of Wisconsin and appeared in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he is the subject of a gambling charge. He advised that he could have prevented his appearance by continuing to fight extradition, however, he feels that the State of Wisconsin has only a "political charge" and that he is in no jeopardy as a result of this. He stated he is scheduled to again go to Wisconsin in answer to this charge, however, at the present time he does not know the period when he will have to appear. He explained the "political" charge by stating that this was strictly for public consumption and that the basis for such a gambling charge was not present.

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BALESTRERE stated that this is a continuation of the harassment he has experienced from law enforcement officials since he was 15 years of age. He stated that for some reason law enforcement officials expect him to be in possession of knowledge concerning organized criminal matters; however, he claimed that he had no such knowledge.

In relation to his family, BALESTRERE stated that he has no knowledge concerning JOE GURERA's present employment or activities. He stated his [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] whose residence is [REDACTED] has
[REDACTED] His other
[REDACTED] who lives [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on his property
since he does [REDACTED] BALESTRERE further

On 5/24/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 -165

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - mrb Date dictated 5/26/66

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advised he has no knowledge concerning organized criminal matters in the Kansas City area since he has attempted to disassociate himself from persons who might be engaged in such activity.

BALESTRERE would not comment as to whether he in the past had been associated with criminal figures, stating he did not care to discuss other persons. He advised that he has made a policy in the past and continues with the policy of being courteous and always speaking to law enforcement officers inasmuch as he has no reason not to.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-9-30)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-145-Sub A)-P
SUBJECT : CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MILWAUKEE DIVISION
WEEKLY SUMMARY

LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN)

On 6/1/66 MI [] advised as follows:

Milwaukee Family

A number of the old-timers in the Milwaukee LCN Family continue to dislike the one-man rule of FRANK BALISTRERI, boss of this family; however, there is no known action planned or anticipated for removal of BALISTRERI from this position by the old-timers who are apparently going along with things as they are. It should be noted that BALISTRERI's Federal income tax trial has been postponed from 6/6/66, pending a ruling scheduled for 7/1/66 by the U.S. District Court, EDW, at Milwaukee on BALISTRERI's motion for a change of venue to the Southern District of Illinois.

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[]
On or about Thursday, [] FRANK BALISTRERI gave []

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[] area, who is originally from Milwaukee and was back in Milwaukee at this time [] is not known to be

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(1-92-255 - Crime Conditions in Wis.)

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an LCN member. The only family members known to have been present [redacted] were FRANK BALISTRIERI and his brother, PETER BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee. Others present included local Milwaukee area hoodlums and gamblers of the approximate 20 individuals in attendance. Informant did not know for sure, but is of the opinion that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] [redacted] for the purpose of [redacted] the latter.

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Buster Balistrere

Buster Balistrere of Kansas City, Missouri and last known to be a member of the Milwaukee LCN family, was still in Milwaukee as of about 6/1/66, having been in Milwaukee for approximately 2 to 3 weeks. According to informant, he may be staying because of his having received a subpoena to appear before the John Doe State Grand Jury at Kenosha, Wisconsin, looking into crime conditions there.

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"THE OUTLAWS" (MOTORCYCLE GANGS)

As noted in recent press releases in Wisconsin, Governor WARREN KNOWLES, Madison, Wisconsin, has called a conference for 6/7/66 at Madison to be attended by representatives of various Federal agencies, state and local law enforcement agencies and their organized representatives, as well as prosecutors in Wisconsin for the purpose of making plans to deal with the problem of "young toughs and hoodlums" who belong to motorcycle groups such as the one in Milwaukee known as "The Outlaws". This organization or group has been creating disturbances such as during the past Memorial Day weekend at Cedarburg, Wisconsin, when they invaded a service station, took gasoline and a firearm without paying for them and defied local officers. Governor KNOWLES has stated that such civic disorder and flagrant disregard of the law will not be tolerated and steps will be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.

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The Chief of Police of Milwaukee, Wisconsin recently recommended the closing of the Seaway Inn, a bar located on Water Street in Milwaukee, which has become a congregating place for these rough-neck motorcyclists who have been causing problems for local authorities. There have been several arrests of members of The Outlaws in Milwaukee for carrying heavy metal chains which they wear as belts and which can be used as weapons.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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DATE: June 21, 1966

Recently informants, particularly [redacted]
have reported that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

To clarify this matter, SA CARLYLE N. REED on
June 8, 1966, contacted [redacted] Special Agent,
Criminal Division of Investigation for the State Attorney
General's Office, State Office Building, Milwaukee, Wiscon-
sin. Mr. [redacted] advised as follows:

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He did not have records immediately available
to check exact dates; however, a state warrant (not a
subpoena) was served on BALESTRERE, and extradition
proceedings were initiated for his removal from Kansas
City, Missouri. About one month ago, BALESTRERE made an
appearance of his own volition in state court, Kenosha,
Wisconsin, and was released on bond. The warrant charges
him with one count of commercial gambling. No known date
has been set for further court action on this charge.

The foregoing is for your information:

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Determine from County or Circuit Court records, Kenosha County, the status of the commercial gambling charge against BALESTRERE and follow, if logical, for final prosecution action. Determine if subject's attorney of record is DOMINIC FRINZI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) DATE: 7/6/66

FROM : *17/8819* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka;
AR

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 5/18/66,
at Kansas City.
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, 6/21/66.

On 6/27/66, [] Deputy Clerk, County Court, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, advised that BALESTRERE appeared voluntarily before that court on 4/26/66 while proceedings were pending for the extradition of him from Missouri to Wisconsin. Miss [] stated the case is currently pending preliminary hearing, date for which has not been scheduled. BALESTRERE's counsel of record is Attorney DOMINIC FRINZI. Miss [] said BALESTRERE is currently free on bond.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/1/66

BUSTIANO "BUSTER" BALESTRERE was interviewed at the Nothing Special Bar, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE stated he has still not returned to the Kenosha, Wisconsin area to face gambling charges. He stated that he had no additional information to furnish the interviewing Agent concerning this matter.

He stated that an infant, who was a child of his deceased brother-in-law, was the child which was fatally injured by the babysitter and received much publicity in local papers. He stated that the wife of this individual was the second wife of his brother-in-law.

BALESTRERE stated he continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri.

On 6/28/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 -169

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF MEJ Date dictated 6/30/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 7/20/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/24/66 - 7/15/66
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	TYPED BY MEJ
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 5/18/66, Kansas City
 Milwaukee letter to Kansas City 5/23/66 (Interoffice)
 Milwaukee airtel to Director 6/6/66

ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU:

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informant utilized in this report

Case pending over one year (Yes) Prosecution pending over 6 months (No)

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LEADS:

MILWAUKEE

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will follow local prosecutive action against subject at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Period of this report extends from 2/24/66 to present in order to include FD-302 of subject, which interview was conducted 2/24/66 in investigation entitled "PALMUR." Information had not been disseminated to substantive case file at time of referenced report. Original of above FD-302 is maintained in KC file 72-81 entitled "PALMUR."

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INFORMANT:

T-1 is contacted by Milwaukee Division.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
Date: 7/20/66

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File No.: 92-696

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to operate bar, Kansas City, Mo., and reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. Subject during interview stated deceased brother-in-law's child fatally injured. Informant advises subject had been in Milwaukee prior to 6/1/66. Subject presently on bond Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS:

INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCAL CHARGES, STATE OF WISCONSIN:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Madison, Wisconsin:

On May 11, 1966, [redacted] Office of Assistant Attorney General, State of Wisconsin, advised that on April 26, 1966, BALESTRERE gave himself up with his attorney to authorities at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He advised he is presently out on bond for further court action in May of 1966, the date of which he is not sure but believes it may be May 28, 1966. He advised that his office had no opportunity to talk with the subject and has no information regarding his activities prior to his giving himself up.

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On June 8, 1966, SA CARLYLE N. REED contacted [redacted] Special Agent, Criminal Division of Investigation for the State Attorney General's Office, State Office Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. [redacted] advised as follows:

He did not have records immediately available to check exact dates; however, a state warrant (not a subpoena) was served on BALESTRERE, and extradition proceedings were initiated for his removal from Kansas City, Missouri. About one month ago, BALESTRERE made an appearance of his own volition in state court, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and was released on bond. The warrant charges him with one count of commercial gambling. No known date has been set for further court action on this charge.

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KC T-1 advised on June 1, 1966 that "BUSTER" BALESTRERE was in Milwaukee about June 1, 1966, having been in Milwaukee for approximately two to three weeks. T-1 stated he may be staying in Milwaukee because of [redacted]
[redacted]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri
July 20, 1966

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
dated 7/20/66 at Kansas City

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Kansas City, Missouri

July 20, 1966

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Following is a characterization of informant utilized in report of Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated July 20, 1966, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T-1 is a hoodlum of the Milwaukee area who has knowledge of criminal activity in Milwaukee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/22/66.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE
HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF
JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

RATING: EXCELLENT

COVERAGE: SAME

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CI stated that he is not acquainted with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In relation to DANNY LAWSON, CI stated that he
observed LAWSON driving a 1966 white 98 Oldsmobile on two
occasions during recent weeks. In relation to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Kansas City, Kansas, and backed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CI advised that he has heard this is to be a
[REDACTED] but has heard nothing more concerning
this matter.

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1-165-18 [REDACTED]
1-92-532 (D. LAWSON) 1
1-92-875 Crime Cond., KCK
1-92-692 [REDACTED]
1-92-1272 [REDACTED]
1-92-113 (J. FILARDO) 2
1-92-335 (C. BENGIMINA) 2
1-92-1281 [REDACTED]
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1-92-318 [REDACTED]
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1-92-705 [REDACTED]
1-92-258 (M. JABEN) 3
1-92-1051 [REDACTED]
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1-92-271 [REDACTED]
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1-92-417 (T. FONTANELLO) 3,4
1-92-618 [REDACTED]
1-162-170 [REDACTED]
1-92-279 (C. ANDERSON) 4
1-92-519 (L. FARRELL) 4
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CI stated that in relation to the [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED] he has heard that because of trouble with the [REDACTED] that there was to be [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] was to [REDACTED] and place it in [REDACTED] although it would not be [REDACTED]. This [REDACTED] however, CI does not know her name but recognizes her by sight.

CI stated that [REDACTED] JOE FILARDO. FILARDO [REDACTED] CI has heard that the [REDACTED] FILARDO and he has even heard lately that CHARLES BENGIMINA [REDACTED]. He stated that he is unable to substantiate this, but is only repeating rumors which he has heard.

CI stated that in relation to [REDACTED] informed him that he [REDACTED] located across from the [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] is located, to [REDACTED].

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JAMES DUARDI has been looking for a new residence in the Raytown, Missouri, area.

CI stated that in relation to [REDACTED] he recalls that [REDACTED] ago. She was a [REDACTED] old. She had worked as [REDACTED] and her first name [REDACTED]. She was described as a white female, 130 pounds, somewhat plump, but nice looking, age about 31, with dark hair. He stated that the [REDACTED]; however, subsequently returned and she is [REDACTED].

CI stated that [REDACTED] has known [REDACTED] very well for years. He has not heard that [REDACTED] however, would not be surprised. He described [REDACTED]. He stated that he also had the opinion [REDACTED] only through [REDACTED] and to give her [REDACTED].

CI stated that [REDACTED] has been steadily [REDACTED], who has never [REDACTED] and they may [REDACTED].

KC [redacted]

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CI stated that [redacted]
[redacted] for the past several nights. CI believes he has been
[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] has been [redacted]
STEVE PLAS at [redacted].

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CI stated that on the prior night [redacted] who is
known to him as [redacted] was driving a [redacted]

[redacted]
and [redacted] who has [redacted] at this
location, checked to see if anyone else noticed this, other
than CI, so that they [redacted] This was about 11:45 p.m.
and CI did not know the purpose. He stated if this information
became known, his identity would be in jeopardy since he was
[redacted] other than [redacted]

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CI stated that he observed BUSTER BALESTRERE driving
a 1963 black Ford sedan and was in front of a residence on
[redacted] He was taking
shirts and suits out of the automobile. CI does not know
whether he lives at this location, however, only noticed him
there. BALESTRERE continues to operate his bar on Main.

CI stated that MIKE LASCUOLA was [redacted] to
[redacted] was to accompany him there. LASCUOLA
has been frequenting [redacted] during the past several months.

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[redacted] CI stated that he is not acquainted with [redacted]

In regard to [redacted] CI stated that he
only knows him by reputation. He has heard that [redacted] is
going [redacted]
would be acquainted with [redacted]

CI stated that he has not seen [redacted] in
recent months.

CI stated that in relation to THOMAS FONTANELLO, he
has seen FONTANELLO in [redacted] on several occasions recently.

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FONTANELLO still [] however, is a [] CI stated that in relation to [] he has no information concerning this individual.

In relation to [] CI stated that at [] [] and that even [] has been absent from this location. He stated that the []

CI stated that in relation to CLARENCE WADE ANDERSON, ANDERSON is [] which is located [] According to CI, ANDERSON still []

7/5/66

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CI stated that in relation to the person referred to by him as [] he is referring to LEW FARRELL.

CI stated that in relation to [] he has heard that [] and was trying to [] to []

CI stated that he has heard that DAVID BONADONNA has been [] since he became aware the [] in him. He has also heard that BONADONNA [] during the night time.

JAMES DUARDI continues to [] and is [] He has been speaking of trying to []

CI stated that in relation to [] he has noticed [] on a number of occasions during the past months. He also noticed that the [] but that he could not say [] was involved in this since he does not know this.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/29/66

BUSTER BALESTRERE was contacted at the Nothing Special Bar, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE advised that he has heard nothing further concerning local charges against him at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He advised that it is his opinion that the charges were strictly "political" and that nothing will ever be done about them.

BALESTRERE stated that he continues to reside on Blue Ridge Extension, however, has been attempting to secure property where he may build a new residence. He explained that his wife's brothers have all built extremely fine residences by helping each other and this would be his plan.

He stated that his bar is progressing satisfactorily in relation to its business, however, that things in Kansas City are generally slow. He explained that in relation to gambling and other activities that he could never recall this area being as "tight" as it is at the present time.

During the course of general conversation with BALESTRERE he explained that his family as well as others of his "people", referring to persons of Italian ancestry, never record debts by the use of documents. He stated it is ethical that when loans are made they are not recorded and this is one means of showing trust in each other. BALESTRERE was non-specific in relation to such matters other than stating that he and other relatives had lent and borrowed money on numerous occasions and no written record had ever been made.

On 9/23/66 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 -173

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF:jlh Date dictated 9/28/66

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

DATE: 9/27/66

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTRANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: KANSAS CITY

Re report of GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 7/20/66 at
Kansas City

On 9/15/66, [REDACTED], Deputy Clerk, County Court,
Branch II, advised that motions had been set for a hearing
before that Court on 5/27/66, but that the attorney for the
state, Mr. [REDACTED] had become ill on that date, and the
hearing had been canceled.

No new dates have been scheduled, and according
to [REDACTED] the next move must be made by [REDACTED] relative
to setting of a date.

LEAD

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact in County Court and at the
Kenosha Sheriff's Office.

At Madison, Wisconsin

Will contact Attorney [REDACTED] and discreetly
determine any plans he may have for continuing the prosecution
of BALISTRERE.

- ② - Kansas City (92-696)
3 - Milwaukee (92-166)
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DATE RECEIVED 10/6/66

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REPORT BY 10-26-66

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) -P-

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Rerep of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City, 7/20/66.

Subject, during interview on 9/23/66, indicated that he had heard nothing further concerning outstanding charges against him at Kenosha, Wisconsin. It was subject's contention that this was a "political" matter and would never result in any further action.

LEAD:

MILWAUKEE:

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

Will contact local authorities and determine whether or not any further action will be taken against subject in the local charges presently outstanding against subject.

2-Milwaukee
2-Kansas City
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Kansas City, Missouri
October 18, 1966

**EUSTIANO VETO DALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Following is a characterization of informant utilized in report of Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated October 18, 1966, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T-2 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-2 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

2 - Bureau (92-5130)
1 - Kansas City (92-696)
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are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 10/18/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/30/66 - 10/14/66
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	TYPED BY slw
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 7/20/66.
 Milwaukee letter to Kansas City dated 9/27/66.
 (Interoffice)
 Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 9/29/66.
 (Interoffice)

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informant utilized in this report.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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LEADS:

MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

Will contact local authorities and determine whether or not further action will be taken against the subject concerning local charges presently outstanding.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Period of this report extends from 6/30/66, to the present in order to include information furnished by informant which had not previously been reported.

INFORMANT:

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KC T-2 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
Date: October 18, 1966

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File #: 92-696

Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: EUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject advised it is his opinion local charges at Wisconsin are strictly "political" and nothing will ever be done about them. Subject further advised that his family, as well as others of his "people", never record debts by use of documents. Investigation Kenosha, Wisconsin, reflects motions had been set for hearing but were later canceled in relation to local charges concerning subject. Subject continues to operate Nothing Special Bar, Kansas City, Missouri, and resides on Blue Ridge Extension. No information has come to attention of Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Intelligence Unit, concerning criminal activity on part of subject nor does informant know of any current criminal activity.

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DETAILS:

The Milwaukee Division furnished the following information on September 27, 1966:

On September 15, 1966, [redacted] Deputy Clerk, County Court, Branch II, advised that motions had been set for a hearing before that Court on May 27, 1966, but that the attorney for the state, Mr. [redacted] had become ill on that date, and the hearing had been canceled.

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No new dates have been scheduled, and according to [] the next move must be made by [] relative to setting of a date.

KC T-2 advised on June 30, 1966, that he had observed BUSTER BALESTRERE driving a 1963 black Ford sedan and was in the vicinity of Sunrise Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated BALESTRERE continues to operate the Nothing Special Bar on Main Street.

KC T-2 advised on October 14, 1966, that he has heard nothing among members of the criminal organization which would indicate that BUSTER BALESTRERE was presently engaged in criminal activity.

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Lieutenant [] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Intelligence Unit, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on October 11, 1966, that a review of reports by investigators of his division for the past five to six months fails to reflect any information concerning BUSTER BALESTRERE. Lieutenant [] stated that nothing has come to the attention of this office reflecting current criminal activity on the part of BUSTER BALESTRERE in the Kansas City area.

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed the residence of BUSTER BALESTRERE located 9911 Blue Ridge Extension on September 22, 1966, and the name of BALESTRERE continues to appear at this location. It is to be noted that BALESTRERE during interview related that he continues to reside at this location.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
October 18, 1966

Title **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA GEORGE F.
LUECKENHOFF dated October 18,
1966, at Kansas City.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

DATE: 11/7/66

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF -P-

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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On 10/28/66 Mr. [REDACTED], Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that in relation to a telephone of [REDACTED] he wished to inform this office that the telephone issued in [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri.

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The writer has knowledge that the telephone listed to BUSTER BALESTRERE was in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] likewise had a telephone issued in his name at his address in the [REDACTED]

On 10/31/66 the writer observed the address at [REDACTED] at which time it was noted this was a newly constructed dwelling of gray stone and brick and was probably occupied although no one was noted and the yard had not been landscaped as yet.

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On 11/1/66, the writer did not note any activity at this address although contact was made with [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office, Leeds, which services this area. Mr. [REDACTED] advised on 11/3/66 that he had ascertained from the carrier servicing this number that the person residing at this location had the name of BALESTRERE and last resided 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. Accordingly, it is believed that subject BUSTER BALESTRERE moved to this location in view of the fact that during last conversation with BALESTRERE, he had informed the writer he was looking for a residence which had more room than the home in which he was living at that time.

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The writer, who lives in the same vicinity, has knowledge that one [redacted] resides in the residence at [redacted] which is likewise a newly constructed residence.

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When investigation definitely discloses that subject is residing at this address, a change in the LCN card will be made and forwarded to the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 11/8/66

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - P -

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on 11/4/66:

The writer observed a green Chevrolet automobile
at residence 8404 E. 53rd at 9:30 A.M. this date. This
vehicle bore Missouri license ZN9-381.

At 10:30 A.M. the writer observed a male exit from this
location and enter the above-described vehicle. The writer
identified this individual as BUSTER BALESTRERE. He proceeded
to the Nothing Special bar located on Main Street, Kansas City,
Mo., and entered this location at 10:44 A.M.

Above auto registered to subject.

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Lueckenhoff

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

November 23, 1966

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AIR MAIL-REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130) Atty: THOMAS J. MC ANDERS
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)(P) Section Chief
Division Nine
SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Bureau telephone call to Milwaukee, 11/23/66.

At 3:15 P.M. on November 22, 1966, Attorney [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephone number [redacted], special prosecutor for Kenosha, Wisconsin John Doe proceedings, was contacted relative to his plans for prosecution of the Doe gambling case against subject. [redacted] stated that BALESTRERE was scheduled to come to trial on November 15, 1966, but the matter had been adjourned to an unspecified date, possibly in the middle of December.

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[redacted] advised he learned on November 21, 1966 from defense Attorney DOMINIC FRINZI that he intends to request dismissal not only of the State commercial gambling case against BALESTRERE, but also the State perjury case against WILLIAM COVELLI (MI 92-506) and the commercial gambling case against JOHN RIZZO (MI 92-164). Motion for dismissal will be based on the fact that the FBI had his office under electronic surveillance during the period of time that he was working as attorney for these men.

[redacted] stated he had learned further from FRINZI that Assistant State Attorney General LE ROY DALTON may have received an FBI report on BUSTIANO BALESTRERE's activities in the Kenosha area.

- 1-Bureau (92-5130)(AM-RM)
- ②-Kansas City (AM-RM)
- 2-92-166
- 1-94-316
- 1-92-506
- 1-92-164
- 1-162-49
- 1-79-56
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November 23, 1966

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[] is, therefore, interested in learning from the Bureau exactly what, if any such reports, have been disseminated to the Wisconsin Attorney General.

Further contact with [] revealed that Attorney FRINZI had learned of the existence of such a report in the hands of Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General DALTON while at Springfield, Illinois, during the proceedings against FRANK BALESTIERI. He had been given access to information furnished to defense Attorney [] which information reflected that FBI reports regarding BALESTIERI had been transmitted to the Wisconsin Attorney General, and that this report pertained to BALESTIERI's gambling activities at Kenosha.

[] stated he had been under the assumption that he had in his possession all information held by the Attorney General which could become an issue during the BALESTIERI trial. However, he had had momentary contact with Assistant Attorney General DALTON, after his contact with FRINZI. DALTON advised that the only report in his possession from an outside agency regarding BALESTIERI was a lengthy report pertaining to the possible involvement of BALESTIERI in the slaying of ANTHONY BIRNBAUM at Kenosha. [] could not recall if DALTON identified this as an FBI report or a report of the Justice Department. Whatever the case, the report in question referred only to the above, and in no way involved BALESTIERI's gambling activities at Kenosha.

It is [] understanding that FRINZI intends to use FBI electronic surveillance of his office as cause for dismissal in the case of each and every individual he was representing during the period that such coverage was in effect, and that he has already filed a Writ of Prohibition in the RIZZO case.

November 23, 1966

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FRINZI also advised [] that defense lawyers at Springfield are in communication with [] at Washington, D. C., apparently for the purpose of an exchange of information.

FRINZI said he is scheduled to return to Springfield on December 1, 1966.

[] stated that he hopes to have an opportunity to review the report in question inasmuch as he is planning to travel to Madison either on November 23, 1966 or during the week of November 28, 1966-December 2, 1966, and that the identity of the report in question will be furnished to the Milwaukee office when determined.

For the information of the Bureau, a thorough review of Milwaukee 92 case files relative to RIZZO, COVELLI and BALESTRERE as well as the ANTHONY J. BERNAT-Missing Person-Murder file was made by the Milwaukee office.

This file review indicates no outside dissemination has been made in any of these cases except to the USA EDW. It is noted that in the BERNAT case, a volume of information was supplied to the Kenosha Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, but no such information was furnished to any State agency.

A review of the WILLIAM COVELLI file, MI 162-49, Bufile 162-777, reflects that on June 17, 1963 two copies of a 13 page LHM and 2 copies of an 88 page LHM containing in detail investigation conducted by the Milwaukee office on the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 6, 1963 was furnished to Mr. [] Departmental Attorney, c/o USA's office, Milwaukee.

In addition to the above file reviews, a review was also made of the technical coverage logs relating to DOMINIC

November 23, 1966

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FRINZI to determine if the names of RIZZO, COVELLI or BALESTRERE are contained therein.

The name of JOHN RIZZO is contained in the FRINZI log of May 14, 1963 where source reported that FRINZI wanted to talk with JOHN RIZZO. The log of June 13, 1963 indicated that DOMINIC FRINZI was told by one [redacted] that the FBI questioned him about COVELLI, the DIERNAT case, STEVE DE SALVO and BEN DE SALVO. It is noted no information obtained by the FRINZI source was disseminated./

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Milwaukee will keep the Bureau advised of developments in this matter.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

11/30/66

RM
SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (P)

BUSTANIO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, dated
10/18/66, at Kansas City.

Investigation reflects that subject has moved
from his former residence, 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, to
8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Bureau is requested to make appropriate
changes on La Cosa Nostra membership index cards.

- 2 - Bureau
- ③ - Kansas City
- (2 - 92-696)
- (1 - 92-883)

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REGISTERED MAIL

LUECKENHOFF
92-696-181

TO: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
FROM: SAC (92-883)
RE: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Date: 12/12/66

Re Bureau airtel to New York, 12/2/66, entitled
"LA COSA NOSTRA, AR-CONSPIRACY".

By above referenced airtel, the Bureau enclosed for review to this office for purposes of accuracy and current application, "print-out" cards for captioned subject, who is either member of or suspected member of LCN. The "print-out" card contains information recorded on Bureau Data Processing Equipment.

Agent receiving copy of "print-out" card concerning above captioned subject, requested to immediately review such card and, if any changes necessary to up-date the recorded data, submit same by FD-385 in accordance with instructions as set forth in SAC letter 66-66 dated 10/25/66. After review of card, and preparation of FD-385 when necessary, return same to SA LUECKENHOFF.

In certain instances, an FD-385 should be submitted where "print-out" card has not been received however captioned subject is suspected LCN member.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Attn. Criminal Intelligence and
Organized Crime Section)

DATE: 1/12/67

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Instructions: (1) On a new subject all categories must be completed. (2) When the status has changed on an old subject only those applicable categories should be completed. (3) Circle in pencil the number opposite the word or words which describes the subject or fill in the blank under each applicable heading. (4) No more than one item may be circled in each category except categories 11, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. (5) When none of the items in a category will suffice fill in the blank with the status known; if additional space is needed or if more information is known use the "Remarks" area.

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka

FBI Number

1057020

Name of subject to which this form applies

Origin Office

Kansas City

☐ New Subject

☒ Status Change

Bureau File Number

92-5130

01 Year of Birth

(use last 2 digits) _____

06 Rank

01 Boss

02 Underboss

03 Consigliieri

04 Capodecina

05 Former leader

06 Soldier

07 Proposed

08 Possible member

09 Unknown

11 La Cosa Nostra "Family" of Relatives

02 Birth Place

01 U. S.

02 Italy

03 Sicily

04 Naples

05 Calabria

06 Abruzzi

09 _____

12 Citizenship

01 U. S. born

02 Naturalized

03 Denaturalized

04 Resident status

05 Non-citizen

06 Awaiting deportation

07 Deported

09 _____

03 Birth Verification

01 Birth record

02 Baptismal record

03 Delayed recording

04 INS record

05 Doctor certificate

06 Midwife certificate

07 Not verified

09 _____

07 Commission

01 Current member

02 Past member

03 Possible member

04 Associated with

05 Communicates with

06 Relative of member

07 No connection with

13 Organization Connection

(Use for non-La Cosa Nostra members only)

01 Yes

02 No

03 Unknown

04 Status

01 Active

02 Retired

03 Missing

04 Present fugitive

05 Deceased

06 Incarcerated

07 Unknown

08 Best Source Number

Identity _____

14 Type of Gambler

01 Writer

02 Runner-collector

03 Controller

04 Office clerk

05 Banker

06 Layoff man

07 Casino operator

08 Casino employee

09 Dice game operator

10 Dice game employee

11 Cards

12 Wire Service operator

13 Not applicable

14 _____

05 La Cosa Nostra "Family"

98 Unknown

99 Not a member

10 Relatives in La Cosa Nostra

01 Blood relation

02 Relation by marriage

03 Both

04 Not related

05 Unknown

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REGISTERED MAIL

LUECKENHOFF

15 Legitimate Enterprise

Tavern

Restaurant

16 Illegal Activity

17 Nicknames and or Alias

01 _____
02 _____

Remarks: _____

18 Description

Race	Complexion	Build
01 White	01 Light	01 Small
02 Negro	02 Ruddy	02 Slight
03 Other	03 Dark	03 Slender
	04 Olive	04 Stocky
	05 Swarthy	05 Heavy
		06 Obese
		07 Gross
		08 Medium

Height	Weight
01 Up to 5'1"	01 Up to 120
02 5'2" - 5'3"	02 121 - 130
03 5'4" - 5'5"	03 131 - 140
04 5'6" - 5'7"	04 141 - 150
05 5'8" - 5'9"	05 151 - 160
06 5'10" - 5'11"	06 161 - 170
07 5'11" - 6'	07 171 - 185
08 6'0" - 6'1"	08 186 - 200
09 6'1" and over	09 Over

19 Areas of Activity Other Than Origin Office
(Use the initials of office)

01 _____
02 _____
03 _____
04 _____

20 Places Frequented

Nothing Special - Bar

Antonios - Restaurant

Mr. Jims - Restaurant

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 1/27/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/28/66 - 1/24/67
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	TYPED BY slw
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REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
dated 10/18/66.

Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 11/23/66.

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ENCLOSURES:**TO THE BUREAU (2):**

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing
informant utilized in this report.

LEADS:**MILWAUKEE DIVISION:**

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

Will maintain contact with local authorities in respect to local charges presently outstanding against the subject.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

During the summer and fall of 1966 various personal contacts were made with subject by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF. During the contacts it was evident that subject was exhibiting a more friendly attitude and was freer with his remarks during the contacts than during contacts prior to this period. Consideration was given at this time in proposing subject as a PC target. In light of information reflected in referenced Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau, no personal contacts with subject will be made until local charges reach a final determination. Upon receipt of information that local charges are either dismissed or subject's court actions are terminated consideration will once again be given to designate subject as a PC target.

The following information was furnished by the Milwaukee Division in referenced airtel to the Bureau dated November 23, 1966:

At 3:15 P.M. on November 22, 1966, Attorney [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephone number [redacted], special prosecutor for Kenosha, Wisconsin, John Doe proceedings, was contacted relative to his plans for prosecution of the Doe gambling case

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against subject. [] stated that BALESTRERE was scheduled to come to trial on November 15, 1966, but the matter had been adjourned to an unspecified date, possibly in the middle of December.

[] advised he learned on November 21, 1966, from defense attorney DOMINIC FRINZI that he intends to request dismissal not only of the State commercial gambling case against BALESTRERE, but also the State perjury case against WILLIAM COVELLI (MI 92-506) and the commercial gambling case against JOHN RIZZO (MI 92-164). Motion for dismissal will be based on the fact that the FBI had his office under electronic surveillance during the period of time that he was working as attorney for these men.

[] stated he had learned further from FRINZI that Assistant State Attorney General LE ROY DALTON may have received an FBI report on BUSTIANO BALESTRERE's activities in the Kenosha area.

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[] is, therefore, interested in learning from the Bureau exactly what, if any such reports, have been disseminated to the Wisconsin Attorney General.

Further contact with [] revealed that Attorney FRINZI had learned of the existence of such a report in the hands of Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General DALTON while at Springfield, Illinois, during the proceedings against FRANK BALISTRERI. He had been given access to information furnished to defense Attorney [] which information reflected that FBI report regarding BALISTRERE had been transmitted to the Wisconsin Attorney General, and that this report pertained to BALESTRERE's gambling activities at Kenosha.

[] stated he had been under the assumption that he had in his possession all information held by the Attorney General which could become an issue during the BALESTRERE trial. However, he had had momentary contact with Assistant Attorney General DALTON, after his contact with FRINZI. DALTON advised that the only report in his possession from an outside agency regarding BALESTRERE was a lengthy report pertaining to the possible involvement of BALESTRERE in the slaying of ANTHONY BIERNAT at Kenosha. [] could not recall if DALTON identified this

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as an FBI report or a report of the Justice Department. Whatever the case, the report in question referred only to the above, and in no way involved BALESTRERE's gambling activities at Kenosha.

It is [] understanding that FRINZI intends to use FBI electronic surveillance of his office as cause for dismissal in the case of each and every individual he was representing during the period that such coverage was in effect, and that he has already filed a Writ of Prohibition in the RIZZO case.

FRINZI also advised [] that defense lawyers at Springfield are in communication with [] at Washington, D. C., apparently for the purpose of an exchange of information.

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FRINZI said he is scheduled to return to Springfield on December 1, 1966.

[] stated that he hopes to have an opportunity to review the report in question inasmuch as he is planning to travel to Madison either on November 23, 1966, or during the week of November 28, 1966 - December 2, 1966, and that the identity of the report in question will be furnished to the Milwaukee office when determined.

For the information of the Bureau, a thorough review of Milwaukee 92 case files relative to RIZZO, COVELLI, and BALESTRERE as well as the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT - Missing Person-Murder file was made by the Milwaukee office.

This file review indicates no outside dissemination has been made in any of these cases except to the U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin. It is noted that in the BIERNAT case, a volume of information was supplied to the Kenosha Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, but no such information was furnished to any State agency.

A review of the WILLIAM COVELLI file; MI 162-49, Bufile 162-777, reflects that on June 17, 1963, two copies

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of a 13 page letterhead memorandum and two copies of an 88 page letterhead memorandum containing in detail investigation conducted by the Milwaukee office on the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 6, 1963, was furnished to Mr. [REDACTED] Departmental Attorney, c/o U. S. Attorney's Office, Milwaukee.

In addition to the above file reviews, a review was also made of the technical coverage logs relating to DOMINIC FRINZI to determine if the names of RIZZO, COVELLI, or BALESTRERE are contained therein.

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The name of JOHN RIZZO is contained in the FRINZI log of May 14, 1963, where source reported that FRINZI wanted to talk with JOHN RIZZO. The log of June 13, 1963, indicated that DOMINIC FRINZI was told by one [REDACTED] that the FBI questioned him about COVELLI, the BIERNAT case, STEVE DE SALVO and BEN DE SALVO. It is noted no information obtained by the FRINZI source was disseminated.

INFORMANT:

KC T-1 is Mr. [REDACTED], employee, U. S. Post Office, Leeds Branch, Kansas City, Missouri, who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
January 27, 1967

Office:

Kansas City

Field Office File #:

92-636

Bureau File #:

92-5130

Title:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject has moved from former residence to 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and continues to operate Nothing Special Bar, Kansas City, Missouri. No information has come to attention Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Intelligence Unit, concerning criminal activity on part of subject during recent months.

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DETAILS:

On November 4, 1966, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed BUSTER BALESTRERE to depart residence 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:30 A.M. and enter automobile bearing Missouri license XN9-381 which license is known to be registered in the subject's name.

Subject proceeded to the Nothing Special Bar and entered this location 10:44 A.M.

KC T-1 advised on November 2, 1966, that BUSTER BALESTRERE moved from 9911 Blue Ridge Extension to 8604 East 53rd Street on or about October 28, 1966. SA GEORGE F.

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LUECKENHOFF observed person believed to be the subject at Nothing Special Bar on December 9, 1966.

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed subject depart his residence and proceed to Nothing Special Bar on January 24, 1967.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised on January 9, 1967, that no information had come to the attention of this unit during recent months indicating that the subject is presently engaging in criminal activity.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

January 27, 1967

Title **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA GEORGE F.
LUECKENHOFF dated and captioned
as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Kansas City, Missouri

January 27, 1967

**BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

The following is a characterization of the informant utilized in report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff dated January 27, 1967, at Kansas City, Missouri:

KC T-1 is an employee of another governmental agency.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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DATE: January 27, 1967

Re Milwaukee airtel to Director dated November 23, 1966.

On January 24, 1967, [] Kenosha County Court Clerk, advised that the State of Wisconsin, Kenosha Gambling Case against subject is still pending, but that no date has been set for a hearing in the matter.

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[] stated that Mr. [] the prosecuting attorney, and BALESTRERE's defense attorney DOMINIC FRINZI had agreed to contact the court for establishing a date of hearing, but that no such action has been taken as of now. [] stated that her files reflect that a hearing was supposed to have been held on November 15, 1966, at 3:00 PM, but that this hearing was postponed indefinitely.

Inasmuch as no additional investigation can be conducted within the Milwaukee Division, this case is being RUC'd. At such time as some court action takes place relative to the BALESTRERE matter, Kansas City will be advised.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

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DATE: 2/15/67

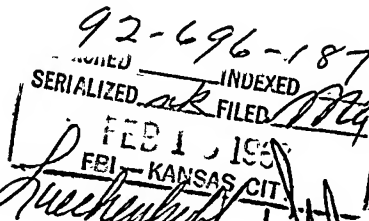
FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO BALESTRERE aka
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On 2/14/67 the writer spot checked subject's residence in the Nothing Special Bar operated by subject.

During period 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM a late model green Chevrolet bearing 1967 Missouri license (green), BL 4-406, was parked in front of subject's residence. This car appeared to be identical with a car previously observed by the writer being driven by subject. At 2:00 PM this automobile was no longer at the residence and at 4:03 PM it was observed parked in the street directly south of the Nothing Special Bar. The writer did not enter the Nothing Special Bar in view of the fact Bureau permission has been requested to interview subject as a PC Target.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-883) DATE: 4/26/67

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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Re Omaha airtel to the Bureau, entitled [REDACTED]
TECIP", dated 3/29/67.

[REDACTED] an alleged member of La Cosa Nostra (LCN), is currently under development as a source for information concerning the activities of the LCN. He recently voluntarily contacted SA [REDACTED] offering to furnish information concerning the "outfit" on a strictly confidential basis, providing he would never be subpoenaed or his identity made known. Several contacts with him have been had since that time, and on [REDACTED] for the first time he permitted the contacting Agent to take notes. [REDACTED] is extremely wary, apprehensive and nervous and has on a number of occasions pointed out that one mistake by him or the contacting Agent would quite possibly result in his death.

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- 1 - 92-116 (NICK CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-113 (JOE FILARDO)
- 1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
- 1 - 92-445 (JOHN B. BLANDO)
- 1 - 92-123 (JOE CUSUMANO)
- 1 - 92-326 (JOE GURERA)
- 1 - 92-782 (JOHN MOLLE)
- 1 - 92-114 (TOM SIMONE)
- 1 - 92-252 (TOM CACIOPPO)
- 1 - 92-254 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-244 (WILLIE CAMMISANO)
- 1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-273 (MIKE SCHOOL)
- 1 - 92-124 (FELIX FERINA)
- 1 - 92-112 (TOM LOCOCO)
- 1 - 72-81 (PALMUR)
- 1 - 92-869 (JOHN MANGIARACINA)

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While [] has furnished information concerning the individuals as set forth hereinafter, to date he has been evasive concerning the actual existence of the LCN, his membership in same, and details concerning ceremonies and so forth. Therefore, this aspect has not been pursued but will be as informant gains more confidence in the contacting Agent. In this connection it was noted that in conversation this informant never referred to the LCN as such or as the Mafia but always as the "outfit" or "mob."

Concerning Kansas City, Missouri, [] advised that currently NICK CIVELLA is the undisputed boss. He described CIVELLA as a gentleman and a "diplomat". According to informant, CIVELLA is smoother than many of the members of the "outfit" and gains his ends through tact and diplomacy rather than muscle. He advised CIVELLA hates to "hurt anybody" and will not do so unless absolutely necessary. According to informant, if a person is in favor with CIVELLA, he is "in" with CIVELLA, has plenty of money, plenty of work and things go well with him. If he is in disfavor, he is broke and there is nothing good to come his way. He said all of the members of the "outfit" realize this and in many ways it is more effective than the fear of being killed.

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[] stated JOE FILARDO was probably the second most important person in the "outfit" in Kansas City. He said FILARDO is the Italian and CIVELLA the American. Questioned as to what he meant by this, he explained that originally nearly all members of the "outfit" were foreign born and, therefore, referred to as Italians. The younger generation, which has replaced the older men and is gradually coming into control, are generally American born and are, therefore, called Americans. He said FILARDO is one of the old men, now in his 70's, who "has, stayed in the picture and has real authority." He explained FILARDO has plenty of money, making same originally in the bootlegging days and has kept it. According to [] CIVELLA came into the picture as a leader with the death of CHARLES BINAGGIO and CHARLES GARGARDA, who were killed in Kansas City some years ago. According to informant, at that time BINAGGIO was the boss with GARGARDA (GARGOTTA) and one TONY GIZZO lieutenants. He advised the death of BINAGGIO and GARGARDA was "probably a misunderstanding." He did not go into detail but stated GARGARDA and BINAGGIO were against some Pendergast ideas while GIZZO was for them.

[redacted] advised BUSTER BALESTRERE is doing nothing. He is old, and while respected, has little influence in Kansas City.

He advised JOHN B. BLANDO, like BALESTRERE, is old and retired. He advised BLANDO has money and has a good liquor business which keeps him well supplied with funds. Informant advised JOHN CUSUMANO (JOE CUSUMANO), while a member of the "outfit" has no power and "is just getting by." He explained CUSUMANO was originally with BINAGGIO and GARGARDA and with their death has never been able to "get back."

Informant advised JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, whom he referred to as "Joe G.", while formerly with BINAGGIO and GARGARDA is "getting back" with CIVELLA and should be considered one of the more important individuals in Kansas City.

Concerning JOHN MOLLE, informant stated he is not in favor, not highly regarded by the "outfit" and actually "very small." Informant described MOLLE as a "half a--d politician."

[redacted] stated TOMMY SIMONE, who he called "Highway", is NICK CIVELLA's brother CARL's partner in various enterprises such as crap games and so forth and has some respect because of this relationship.

Informant advised [redacted] whom he called [redacted] is very close to CIVELLA and should be considered important in anything concerning the "outfit" in Kansas City. While discussing [redacted] informant advised [redacted] currently has a [redacted] and is doing little with the "outfit." According to informant, [redacted] main strength stemmed from [redacted] CIVELLA.

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WILLIE CAMMISANO, according to [redacted] was with BINAGGIO and GARGARDA and has never gained his former stature in the "outfit."

According to this source, CARL (CORKY) CIVELLA, brother of NICK CIVELLA, is a big-mouth, overbearing individual relying strictly for any power or authority he has on his brother. Informant stated without NICK, CARL CIVELLA would be nothing.

According to this source, ANTHONY CIVELLA, whom he called TONY RIPE, is important in gambling matters but gets his strength from his uncle, NICK CIVELLA. Informant advised TONY RIPE worked with MIKE SCHOOL (true name LA SCOLA), whom he termed an old man and over the hill. He advised TONY RIPE and SCHOOL make a good living but are not getting rich. He advised currently they are in contact with [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to get [redacted]

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[redacted] advised one FELIX FERINA, who is currently in the penitentiary doing time for an attempted murder of a narcotics informant in Kansas City several years ago, has to be respected because he is capable of doing anything CIVELLA wants him to do.

Informant advised ANTHONY GAETANO LOCOCO, who he called TANO, is semi-retired. He advised he is an old man and probably his greatest strength would be strictly as advisor to CIVELLA. He advised LOCOCO owns a well-paying restaurant.

The killing last year of one SAM PALMA was briefly discussed by informant. Informant stated "SAMMY" was one of the best-liked of all the members of the "outfit" in Kansas City and his killing has come as a surprise to the informant. Informant claimed he actually did not know who had killed PALMA but that he had been killed because it looked like he was going to take the stand in a case in which he was involved with Federal authorities. Informant said he was surprised that CIVELLA had given the O.K. for PALMA's killing but that maybe he had to do it. He said when CIVELLA had to do something, he would do it. He said that about a year ago one "HUNK" GALIANO, who was very close to CIVELLA, had been killed, demonstrating to the informant that when necessary, CIVELLA would act.

Informant advised JOHN MANGIARACINA, who he called JOHNNY MAG, is currently not too well regarded. He said while nobody is ever on the "outs" with NICK CIVELLA, JOHNNY MAG is not in high favor.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED] DATE: 5/15/67

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF (P) b7D

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

Information contained in this memorandum which was deemed pertinent has been disseminated either orally or by routing slip to Agents having substantive case files at time information was originally received.

1 [REDACTED]
1 92-521 [REDACTED]
1 92-316 [REDACTED]
1 92-830 [REDACTED]
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CI advised [redacted] with the criminal organization. He stated that [redacted] had mentioned to him that [redacted] and CI was of the opinion that [redacted] if he desired.

CI stated [redacted] has mentioned to him that he [redacted] from [redacted]

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CI stated that [redacted] is becoming disenchanted with [redacted]. He made the statement to CI that [redacted] is getting most of his [redacted] and for this reason he has [redacted] and is [redacted] where he can keep [redacted]. CI stated [redacted] is one of the [redacted] in Kansas City and for this reason could do better [redacted]

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CI stated ANTHONY CIVELLA was at [redacted] on this day. CIVELLA mentioned [redacted] and that everyone [redacted] was complaining because [redacted] and that [redacted] were finding it necessary to furnish [redacted] in order to attract the [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] is barely [redacted] informed him that they might have [redacted]

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CI stated in relation to [redacted] located [redacted] on the prior day he believes

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that [redacted] was instrumental in setting [redacted] He stated that he had seen [redacted] in the [redacted] on numerous occasions [redacted] and also at [redacted] He had also seen [redacted] in contact with JOHN AMARO and believes that would have been the contact to [redacted] He stated that [redacted] located near this location has been attempting for some time to secure additional [redacted] and this might be the reason for [redacted]

CI stated he had observed both ANTHONY GARGOTTA [redacted] on several occasions during the past week. He stated that he has heard for the past several years, as he has previously mentioned, that [redacted] located at [redacted] believed to be [redacted] but he has no information concerning [redacted] or the identities [redacted] (Above was disseminated to Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, verified through visual observation of SA LUECKENHOFF, and a new 162 matter has been opened).

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CI stated that [redacted] is driving a [redacted] [redacted] and GARGOTTA could either be driving a new 1967 blue Ford 4-door or his older gray-blue Chevrolet.

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CI stated he knows of no present criminal activity on the part of BUSTER BALESTRERE. He also knows of no close association on a day-to-day basis between BALESTRERE and his brother-in-law, JOE GURERA.

CI stated that in relation to information he had previously furnished concerning [redacted] who was on the [redacted] of the [redacted] he identified this individual as being identical with [redacted] He stated that [redacted] formerly spent a great deal of time at the [redacted] when it was [redacted] and that he was also [redacted] CARL CIVELLA. He stated that through this association he can only assume that these individuals have some [redacted] on the [redacted]

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CI stated that JERRY KATZ, who is deceased,

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but about [REDACTED] KATZ's death, while with KATZ,
KATZ had [REDACTED] and dismissed his
[REDACTED] as being unimportant.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/67

BUSTER BALESTRERE was contacted at the Nothing Special Bar, Kansas City, Missouri. BALESTRERE stated that he is still operating this location; however, has moved his residence from Blue Ridge Extension to 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. BALESTRERE stated that he built this residence inasmuch as his sister, who owned the residence on Blue Ridge Extension, had desired to let [redacted] reside at this location. BALESTRERE explained that he had found problems living at this location both from a noise aspect created by large transport trucks which disturbed he and his family, as well as the length of commuting time driving from his residence to his present location. BALESTRERE stated that [redacted] with his [redacted] His family, not including himself, attend church at St. Bernadette's Church, which is located in the immediate vicinity.

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BALESTRERE stated he has heard nothing from Kenosha, Wisconsin, in regard to the local gambling charge, but pointed out that his attorney's telephone had been "tapped" by the FBI and this may have a definite effect on any local action. He described his attorney as named [redacted]

BALESTRERE stated that he has been engaging in little or no activity other than working at his bar and feels that his age is "catching up with him". He advised that he has no knowledge concerning his brother-in-law's, JOE GURERA's, present activities or health since he has only seen GURERA once or twice at family gatherings during the past six to eight months.

During the course of conversation with BALESTRERE, BALESTRERE made a telephone call to his brother JIM. He mentioned to his brother that he could not attend a wake at Passantino Funeral Parlor on that night and asked his brother to sign his name as having attended. He reminded his brother there would be only one night for the wake since the person died in Las Vegas, Nevada, and would be buried on the next morning.

On 5/2/67 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 -194
by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - tlw Date dictated 5/5/67

Kansas City, Missouri

May 15, 1967

**BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

The following is a characterization of informants utilized in Kansas City report of Special Agent George E. Lueckenhoff, dated and captioned as above:

KC T-1 is an individual who has knowledge concerning the criminal organization in Kansas City and elsewhere in the Midwest. He will not testify.

KC T-2 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-2 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

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Report of: **SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF** Office: **Kansas City**
Date: **5/15/67**

Field Office File #: **92-696** Bureau File #: **92-5130**

Title: **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside 8604 East 53rd, Kansas City, Missouri, and operates Nothing Special Bar, Kansas City, Missouri. An informant has advised that in relation to Kansas City criminal organization, subject is doing nothing, is old and while respected, has little influence in Kansas City. Subject, during interview, confirms moving to new residence and denies any present activity other than his employment. No knowledge concerning present criminal activity has come to the attention of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Intelligence Squad.

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DETAILS:

The Milwaukee Division furnished the following information on January 27, 1967:

On January 24, 1967, [] Kenosha County Court Clerk, advised that the State of Wisconsin, Kenosha Gambling Case against subject is still pending, but that no date has been set for a hearing in the matter.

[] stated that Mr. [] the prosecuting attorney, and DALESTRENE's defense attorney DOMINIC FRINZI had agreed to contact the court for establishing a date of hearing, but that no such action has been taken as of now. [] stated that her files reflect that a hearing was supposed to have been held on November 15, 1966, at 3:00 PM, but that this hearing was postponed indefinitely.

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KC T-1 advised on March 29, 1967, that in relation to the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, DUSTEN DALESTRENE is doing nothing. He stated DALESTRENE is old and while respected, has little influence in Kansas City.

EC 92-606

On February 14, 1967, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF during period 9:45 to 11:00 AM, observed a late model green Chevrolet bearing 1967 Missouri license (green) DL 4-400, parked in front of subject's residence. At 4:03 PM on the same date, this automobile was observed parked near the Nothing Special Bar.

On March 23, 1967, and April 20, 1967, SA LUECKENHOFF observed subject's residence with no activity being noted.

On May 2, 1967, the above-described automobile was observed parked near the Nothing Special Bar and DALESTRENE was contacted at this location.

Lieutenant [redacted] Chief of Intelligence, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised on April 23, 1967, that nothing has come to the attention of members of his unit indicating association between DALESTRENE and members of the criminal organization.

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EC T-2 advised on April 25, 1967, that he knows of no present association between DUSTIN DALESTRENE and the leaders of the criminal organization in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Times, May 2, 1967, edition in funeral announcements reflects that LAWRENCE CIPOLLA, age 63, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died April 20, 1967, and would be buried at St. John's Church at 9:00 AM on May 3, 1967. This was the only death notice listed from the Passantino Funeral Parlor.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

May 15, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent George F.
Lueckenhoff, at Kansas City,
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/9/67

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Re Omaha airtel to Bureau dated 5/16/67.

The following information was furnished by captioned informant on 5/10/67:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT MANNER AND, UNLESS SOURCE WELL CONCEALED, REPORTED ONLY ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES OF REPORTS IN WHICH IT IS USED. SUCH INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS INFORMANT IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

The following is a summary of information pertinent to either the LCN or to this office. It is strictly the words and opinions of the informant as furnished to the contacting Agent:

Informant pointed out that ordinarily in the "outfit" a man has to be a man in his own right and cannot rely on the strength or reputation of a relative. For example, he pointed out that JOHN CAPONE, brother of AL, is "nothing", and another brother, RALPH CAPONE, is running a tavern in Hurley, Wisconsin, and neither has any authority or respect in the "outfit."

Informant advised that TANO (GAETANO) LOCOCO operates Gaetano's Restaurant in Kansas City. Informant stated the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are constantly [REDACTED] by

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1-92-109 (Criminal Intelligence Program)	
1-92-116 (N. CIVELLA)	1-92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)
1-92-112 (T. LOCOCO)	1-92-326 (J. GURERA)
1-92-124 (F. FERINA)	1-92-258 (M. JABEN)
1-92-243 (C. DE LUNA)	1-92-405 (J. DE LUNA)
1-92-246 (L. CANGELOSE)	1-92-456 [REDACTED]
1-92-114 (T. SIMONE)	1-62-7967 (LANMARK TOWERS)
① 1-92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)	1-92-1679 [REDACTED]
1- [REDACTED]	1-92-399 (R. WILLIAMS)
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LOCOCO [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] Informant said that [redacted]
are [redacted] is not bad
at all for them. Among those getting [redacted] from the
[redacted] according to the informant, are [redacted]
VITO GENOVESE, [redacted] and others.
Informant stated that [redacted] is not a member of the "outfit"
but is being [redacted] through his friendship
with [redacted] who likes him. Informant stated that [redacted]
[redacted] are
likewise not in the "outfit." He said that [redacted]
[redacted] are nothing but [redacted]
[redacted] He advised
that the [redacted] know and are acquainted with many of the
members of the Kansas City "outfit" but they are definitely not
members of LCN.

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Again the informant discussed the toughness of the
Kansas City "outfit", stating that while they are not as large
as Chicago, man to man they are as tough, again citing CARL
DE LUNA as one of the toughest men he has known. He noted
that there are many men in the Kansas City "outfit" who are
physically superior to DE LUNA but they are not the cold-
blooded killer that he is, and while they might have the physical
means to manhandle DE LUNA they either have the choice of leaving
him alone or killing him, and they do not have the nerve to kill
him.

Informant advised that another reason why DE LUNA is
tough is that he seems to have [redacted] and
[redacted] CIVELLA. He said that if CIVELLA were [redacted]
[redacted]
would do so. He said that another man, who died about two
years ago, who was also extremely tough in Kansas City, was one
"Black Louie" CONGELOSE. Informant stated that CARL DE LUNA's
[redacted] TONY RIPE in Kansas City.

Further discussing the toughness of the Kansas City
"outfit" informant named the following as a very rough bunch
of kids: "HIGHWAY" (THOMAS) SIMONE, [redacted] BUSTER
BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA, and MAX JABIN. He advised that JABIN,
a Jew, is not a member of the "outfit", works very closely with
them, and is a very rough Jew. He advised that JABIN handles

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political matters for CIVELLA. Informant also advised that CIVELLA and [] He explained that if somebody has to be hurt in Chicago, CIVELLA may send someone to do it, and [] would do likewise for CIVELLA in Kansas City.

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Informant advised that the DE LUCA brothers were unknown to him. He said they must be old-timers, pointing out that he did not become real well acquainted in Kansas City [] NICK CIVELLA [] Informant stated that if they were mixed up in narcotics they had probably worked with [] who has since been []

[] Informant stated he feels he knows everyone of any importance who is active in the "outfit" in Kansas City, but the DE LUCA brothers are unknown to him personally. He stated if it would be important enough for him to do so, he could make inquiry concerning them.

Informant advised that a new motel, the Landmark, is being opened up in Las Vegas, and it is CIVELLA's. Money from the Teamsters Union pension fund, according to informant, is being used in building this motel. In this connection informant advised that one ROY WILLIAMS, head of the Central Conference of Teamsters in Kansas City, Missouri, is completely controlled by CIVELLA. He said that WILLIAMS thinks that CIVELLA is "a god" and makes no move without conferring with CIVELLA.

SAC (92-782)

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6/15/67

SA [REDACTED]

JOHN MOLLE aka
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On 6/5/67, Lt. [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Mo. PD, advised that on 5/16/67, his unit had been in receipt of a letter from the office of the Attorney General of the state of Wisconsin requesting certain investigation be conducted in Kansas City. This letter indicated that telephone toll calls from the residence of FRANK BALISTRIERI, top hoodlum figure in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had been checked and there were several long distance telephone calls to Kansas City, Mo. numbers. BALISTRIERI's telephone number in Milwaukee was shown as 964-4069. Calls made from this telephone to Kansas City were as follows with the subscribers added in as determined by the Intelligence Unit:

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HI 4-100 (Monaco's Hair Fashions, 7928 Troost)

HO 3-5892 (No HO listing, however HU 3-5892 is listed to [REDACTED])

In addition telephone calls made from the residence of PETER BALISTRIERI, number 272-2501, indicated the following calls to Kansas City, Mo.:

10/20/66, 12/24/66,

3/19/67, 11/24/66 - BA 1-0994 (Mrs. FRANK BALESTRERE, 516 Harrison)

11/24/66, 12/24/66 and 4/10/67 - WI 2-0543 (JOHN MOLLE, 36 W. Bridal Spur Drive)

- 1 - 92-782
- 1 - 92-883 (LCN)
- 1 - 92-1575 (F. BALISTRIERI)
- 1 - 92-326 (J. GURERA)
- 1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALISTRIERI)

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Lieutenant [] advised that subsequent to his unit advising the Attorney General's Office of the persons to whom the above telephone numbers are issued, his unit was in receipt of a second letter dated 5/31/67 from the Attorney General's Office. In this letter the Attorney General's office states that on 8/9/62 the Milwaukee PD Special Assignment Unit observed JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALISTRIERI meeting with MILWAUKEE PHILIALDERISSIO of Chicago and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City at the Red Line Room of the Kaiser-Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

8/31/67

Dg SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) -P-

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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The Milwaukee Division is requested to conduct appropriate investigation concerning gambling charges against subject which were outstanding at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Subject has indicated that court action has been terminated in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA ROY L. TUSSEY (P)
RE: [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/7/67

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Contact Dates: 8/27/67
8/30/67
Results: Positive
Rating: Excellent
Coverage: 92, 162, 165

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN ANY DISSEMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF REVEALING THE IDENTITY OF THIS CI. INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY PARAPHRASED IN REPORT FORMS OR PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS CI'S LIFE.

1 [REDACTED]
1 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)
1 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)
1 92-262 (A. CIVELLA)
1 92-515 [REDACTED]
1 92-883 (LCN)
1 92-1820 [REDACTED]
1 92-1825 [REDACTED]
1 92-258 (M. JABEN)
1 92-714 (SKIMMING ACTIVITIES)
1 92-874 (CC, KCMO)

1 162-398 [REDACTED]
1 165-98 [REDACTED]
1 92-782 (J. MOLLE)
1 92-326 (J. GURERA)
① 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1 92-1281 [REDACTED]
1 92-1499 [REDACTED]
1 92-1358 [REDACTED]
1 162-464 [REDACTED]
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On 8/27/67 CI advised SA ROY L. TUSSEY as follows:

CI was in [REDACTED] from approximately 7:30 PM until 1:30 AM. Soon after CI arrived at [REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA and his [REDACTED] CIVELLA and his [REDACTED] and were immediately joined by ANTHONY CIVELLA and [REDACTED]. Approximately 3 minutes after NICK CIVELLA arrived, CARL DE LUNA came in and immediately went to CIVELLA [REDACTED] DE LUNA and CIVELLA then [REDACTED] and CIVELLA was overheard by CI to [REDACTED]. When CI departed [REDACTED] at 1:30 AM on [REDACTED] neither DE LUNA nor NICK CIVELLA had returned.

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During the period of time that NICK CIVELLA was gone with CARL DE LUNA, CI [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] was not in the best of health. [REDACTED] diabetic condition was growing worse as well as his eye sight. [REDACTED] had become extremely nervous and was in need of a "long vacation".
[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED] have been considering the possibility of [REDACTED] which CI [REDACTED] CI that he [REDACTED] that NICK CIVELLA had recently [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] in which [REDACTED] further [REDACTED] NICK had [REDACTED] that it was no longer necessary

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and proper for [REDACTED] because he had other more urgent [REDACTED] further corroborated the fact that NICK's [REDACTED]

CI, in [REDACTED] learned that NICK CIVELLA might [REDACTED] CI that NICK CIVELLA has [REDACTED] and no longer needs to be [REDACTED] in order to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CI on [REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA [REDACTED] It was CI's personal opinion that if DE LUNA [REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA. ANTHONY CIVELLA would [REDACTED] because of [REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA and the fact that [REDACTED] CI noted [REDACTED] TONY CIVELLA is [REDACTED] Italian hoodlums and [REDACTED] if it were not for DE LUNA and NICK CIVELLA.

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CI advised that [REDACTED] CI observed [REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA, ANTHONY CIVELLA, and CARL DE LUNA. CI made this observation in [REDACTED]

ANTHONY CIVELLA subsequently [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and had [REDACTED]

CI said that he observed CARL DE LUNA conversing with [REDACTED] at approximately 5:30 PM on [REDACTED] CI made this observation of DE LUNA and [REDACTED] in front of [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED] involving TONY CIVELLA. [REDACTED] said that he discussed the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to consider [REDACTED] TONY CIVELLA [REDACTED]

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CI noted that [redacted] is a regular visitor to [redacted] who [redacted] on [redacted] Recently this person has been [redacted] CI learned that [redacted] has been [redacted] in order to [redacted] who is a close friend and [redacted]

CI further observed that [redacted] and could probably be [redacted]

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On 8/30/67 CI furnished the following information to SAs LEON B. LAKE, JR. and ROY L. TUSSEY:

[redacted] was in Kansas City, Missouri, on [redacted] was accompanied by an individual known as [redacted] who was driving a [redacted] bearing [redacted] license [redacted] is described as a white male, 5'5" to 5'7", 150-160 pounds, and between 50 and 60 years of age. [redacted] CI [redacted] and [redacted]

CI said he has not seen MAX JABEN for a number of weeks. He has no current information concerning JABEN's activities, especially relating to the coin shop which JABEN owned on 12th Street. CI noted that [redacted] it appeared to CI that JABEN, [redacted] was becoming senile.

CI said that [redacted] JOHN MOLLE [redacted] MOLLE is related to BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOSEPH GURERA through marriage. It was CI's personal opinion that MOLLE was a member of the Mafia; however, he is probably no longer active because he apparently has [redacted] in Kansas City. CI said that he has not observed MOLLE in either business or social contact with the known members of the "Kansas City outfit" with the exception of funerals and weddings.

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CI said that he is acquainted with [REDACTED] and knows him to [REDACTED] CI possesses no current information relative [REDACTED] being involved in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has contacted CI relative to [REDACTED] in the vicinity of [REDACTED] has told CI that [REDACTED] the

CI contacted the [REDACTED] relative to the [REDACTED] which he and [REDACTED] CI that [REDACTED]

and that [REDACTED]

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CI said that he possessed no current information relative to the "skimming activities" involving the Las Vegas, Nevada, gambling casinos. CI observed that whoever owns the casinos in Las Vegas will continue to "skim" because it is the only way the owners can make a profit on their investment. He said that he meant by owners, either legitimate or illegitimate persons. He noted that newspaper publicity indicated that some of the casinos in Las Vegas had recently changed hands and no longer were under the directorship of "hoodlum interests". It was CI's personal opinion that the "so-called legitimate people" would continue to "skim" because of the enormous profits which can be obtained through this method.

CI was specifically instructed to, for the next two weeks, [REDACTED]

CI agreed to do this and advised that he would obtain numerous names for this Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) (P)

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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DATE: 10/16/67

Investigation by the writer on 10/3/67 reflected subject has sold the Nothing Special Bar on Main Street. Investigation reflects he still resides 8604 East 53rd St.

Records of the Liquor Control Board, according to Mr. [REDACTED], reflect subject has filed application for purchase of the Wander Inn, 4822 E, 9th St., which has not been acted upon to date.

The writer attempted to contact [REDACTED]

Attempts to contact [REDACTED] was negative,

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Bufile: 92-5130

Re Kansas City letter 8/31/67.

Milwaukee Division is requested to expedite
investigation requested by above referenced communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

DATE: 10/31/67

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.
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Reurlet, 8/31/67.

A review of files of the Milwaukee Office shows that the May 24, 1967, issue of the "Kenosha News", daily newspaper of general circulation in the Kenosha, Wisconsin, area, contains an article, at page 15 concerning subject.

This article states that almost 53 months after the first step was taken to initiate a John Doe investigation in Kenosha, the final phase of the matter is approaching a conclusion. It continues that on May 23, 1967, two defendants named in warrants as a result of the inquiry, entered pleas in Kenosha County Court. It states that one of the defendants was BUSTIANO V. (Buster) BALISTRERE, a resident of Kansas City who formerly resided in Milwaukee. It relates that BALISTRERE pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gambling count and was fined \$500 by Judge EARL D. MORTON, Kenosha County Court. It states that BALISTRERE entered his plea to a revised charge, having originally been charged with operation of a gambling place, a felony. It continues that BALISTRERE was also ordered to pay the State of Wisconsin \$286.23, for costs for an extradition hearing. He had at first refused to waive extradition from Missouri, but ultimately appeared in Kenosha County Court voluntarily.

The article relates that BALISTRERE was once termed by Milwaukee authorities the "recognized gambling kingpin in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine Counties." He voluntarily appeared in court at Kenosha in April and requested a preliminary hearing on a charge of operating a gambling game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha. He was freed on \$3,000 bond, and after several additional delays, was to have come up for preliminary hearing on 5/23/67, but pleaded guilty instead. The article states that BALISTRERE and the other defendant were both represented by Milwaukee attorney DOMINIC FRINZI.

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TO: SAC (92-883)

FROM: SA ROY L. TUSSEY [P]

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA

Date: 12/5/67

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On 11/24/67, this source, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

Source was formally admitted into the "Kansas City Outfit" which is synonymous with the LCN, [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Mo. [REDACTED]

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1-92-114 (T. SIMONE)	1-92-116 (N. CIVELLA)
1-92-243 (C. DE LUNA)	1-92-112 (G. LOCOCO)
1-92-115 (C. CIVELLA)	1-92-364 (J. CAROLLA)
1-92-252 (T. QACIOPPO)	1-92-262 (A. CIVELLA)
1-92-295 (C. MORETINA)	1-92-326 (J. GURERA)
1-92-124 (F. FERINA)	1-92-527 [REDACTED]
1-92-647 (S. CAROLLA)	① 1-92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1-92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)	1-92-254 [REDACTED]
1-92-113 (J. FILARDO)	1-92-123 (J. CUSUMANO)
1-92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)	1-92-337 (N. EVOLA)
1-92-445 (J. BLANDO)	1-92-782 (J. MOLLE)
1-92-417 (T. FONTANELLO)	1-92-880 [REDACTED]
1-92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)	1-92-117 (L. FARRELL)
1-92-874 (CRIME CONDS., KCMO)	

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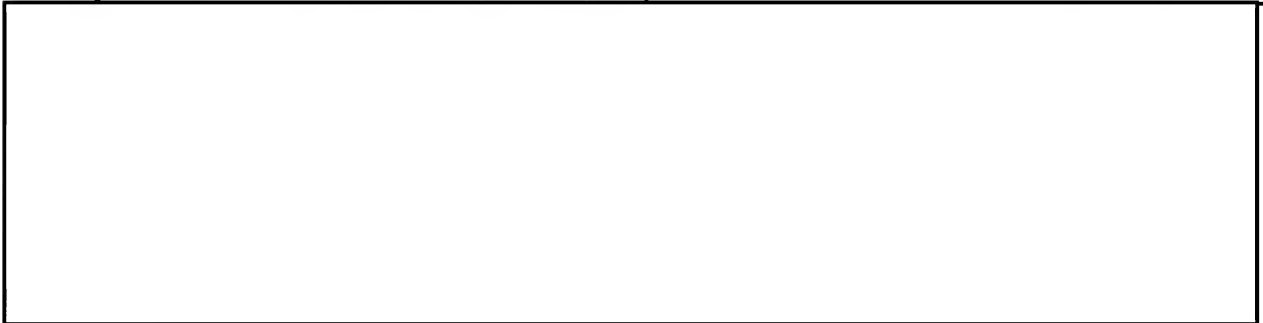
The following persons were [REDACTED]



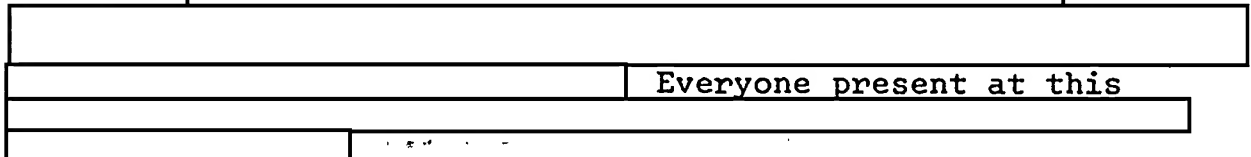
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[REDACTED] which started at approximately [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with the exception of the above-mentioned [REDACTED]



Following [REDACTED] that all [REDACTED] would



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Prior to [REDACTED] he was [REDACTED] his

[REDACTED] given [REDACTED] represented [REDACTED] area which contained [REDACTED]

"In each instance, [REDACTED]

which he



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Source said that GAETANO LOCOCO believed that he would be the "boss" following the death of BINAGGIA; however, LOCOCO was under indictment relative to Federal Income Tax matters and subsequently went to prison in September, 1950. Because of this set of circumstances, NICK CIVELLA, according to source, came to the forefront and became the "open boss" of the "Kansas City outfit."

CI advised that he has never heard the terms "underboss", "caporegima" and "consigliere". He identified the following persons as being members of the Kansas City LCN. For the purposes of clarity, titles are being assigned to these people which CI identified and which Kansas City has knowledge of these people relative to their position in the "outfit";

Boss - NICK CIVELLA
Underboss - THOMAS SIMONE
Underboss - CARL ANGELO DE LUNA
Consigliere - GAETANO LOCOCO
Caporegima - CARL CIVELLA
" - JOSEPH CAROLLA
" - THOMAS CACIOPPO

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Soldiers - ANTHONY CIVELLA
SAM CAROLLA
CHARLES MORETINA
JOSEPH GURERA
FELIX FERINA

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[REDACTED]
JOHN MANGIARACINA

[REDACTED]
BUSTER BALESTRERE

The following persons represent inactive members of the "Kansas City outfit":

JOSEPH FILARDO
JOSEPH CUSUMANO
CHARLES BENGIMINA
NICK EVOLA
JOHN BLANDO
JOHN MOLLE
THOMAS FONTANELLO
WILLIAM CAMMISANO

CI said that the Landmark Towers in Las Vegas, Nev., would be "dominated" by the "Kansas City outfit." Source explained that NICK CIVELLA is the one who negotiated the Teamsters loan which was utilized in building the Landmark Towers. Source said that Kansas City would own 100% of the casino operations in the Landmark Towers.

Source also said that Kansas City has "points" in both the Stardust and the Sands, located in Las Vegas. Kansas City people are employed in both the Stardust and Sands in order to make sure that the "outfit" in Kansas City is not cheated relative to their percentage of the profits.

CI advised that the LCN in St. Louis, Mo., is directly under the influence and domination of Kansas City. He explained that ANTHONY GIARDANO, who is the "boss" in St. Louis, is answerable to NICK CIVELLA relative to any operations in Missouri which would involve either one or both of the "families."

CI said that he was not sure of the influence which Kansas City has over Omaha and Des Moines; however, it was his

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recollection that Kansas City, in the past, has pretty well controlled gambling activities in both Omaha and Des Moines. It was CI's personal opinion that any major decisions regarding either Omaha or Des Moines would probably come out of Chicago, rather than Kansas City.

CI said that Kansas City has extremely close ties with the LCN in New Orleans, La. He explained that NICK CIVELLA and CARLOS MARCELLO, are long-time close personal friends and associates who have done favors for each other's "outfits" in the past.

This source noted that during the period [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Source further said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CARL DE LUNA and NICK CIVELLA have not [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the LCN in Kansas City,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE Kansas City	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Kansas City	DATE 12/21/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/10 - 12/18/67
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY jeh
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 5/15/67.
 Kansas City letters to Bureau, 7/10 and 9/29/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This matter is being placed in a pending-inactive status and will be reopened after lapse of six months and will be brought up to date at that time. If information is developed from informants prior to that time indicating activity on the part of subject of a criminal nature, this matter will be immediately made pending.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						none	ACQUIT.
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	TALS	

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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3 Bureau (92-5130)(RM)

1 USA, Kansas City, Mo.

JEH 2 Kansas City (92-696)

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KC 92-696

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12/18/67.

Informants

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[redacted] KC T-1 is [redacted], contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

KC T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-3 is [redacted] contacted by SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH
Date: 12/21/67

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File #: 92-696

Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: On 5/23/67, subject entered plea of guilty to misdemeanor gambling count at Kenosha County Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and was fined \$500 and assessed \$286.23 costs. Subject observed on 8/9/62 by Milwaukee Police Department Special Assignment Unit attending a meeting with JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO, PHIL ALDERISIO, and JOHN MOLLE at Milwaukee. Subject has sold the Nothing Special Bar and has filed application for purchase of the Wander Inn, 4822 East 9th St. This application has not been acted upon. Subject continues to reside 8604 E. 53rd St.

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DETAILS:

The Milwaukee Division furnished the following information on October 31, 1967:

The May 24, 1967, issue of the Kenosha News contained an article on page 15 which stated that on May 23, 1967, BUSTIANO V. BALESTRERE pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gambling charge and was fined \$500 by Judge EARL D. MORTON, Kenosha County Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin. BALESTRERE was ordered to pay the State of Wisconsin \$286.23 for costs for an extradition hearing. The article described BALESTRERE as being what is termed by Milwaukee authorities the "recognized gambling kingpin in Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine Counties."

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On May 10, 1967, KC T-1 named BALESTRERE as one of the tough members of the Kansas City "outfit" along with THOMAS "Highway" SIMONE, JOHNNY MAGADINNO, JOE GURERA, and MAX JABEN.

Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised that on May 31, 1967, he received a letter from the office of the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin, advising that on August 9, 1962, the Milwaukee Police Department Special Assignment Unit observed JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and BUSTER BALESTRERE meeting with PHIL ALDERISIO of Chicago and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City at the Red Line Room of the Kaiser-Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Subject BALESTRERE was contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at the Nothing Special Bar on June 23, 1967, at which time BALESTRERE stated business had been very poor.

BALESTRERE stated his new residence is actually owned by [redacted]

BALESTRERE stated his brother-in-law, JOSEPH GURERA, has recently suffered a heart attack, which required hospitalization. He stated he had no personal knowledge of the severity of the attack. He stated GURERA has returned to his home and is resting comfortably. He remarked that GURERA in recent years has become a different person and worries about matters which formerly did not affect him whatsoever.

KC T-2 advised on August 30, 1967, that JOHN MOLLE is related to BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOSEPH GURERA through marriage. T-2 stated he was of the opinion MOLLE was a member of the Mafia; however, he is probably no longer active.

Investigation conducted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on October 3, 1967, revealed that BUSTER BALESTRERE has sold the Nothing Special Bar; however, he still resides at 8604 East 53rd Street.

Mr. [redacted] of the City Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, advised his records reveal BALESTRERE had filed application for purchase of the Wander Inn, 4822 East 9th Street. He stated this application has not been acted upon to date. Contact was made at 8604 East 53rd Street with BALESTRERE [redacted] BUSTIANO BALESTRERE is [redacted]

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KC T-3 advised on November 24, 1967, that BUSTER BALESTRERE is a member of the Kansas City "outfit" and would be considered as a "soldier" in this organization.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri
December 21, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-696

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH
at Kansas City, dated and
captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: 1/10/68

To : SAC [REDACTED]

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From : SA ROY L. TUSSEY

Subject: [REDACTED]

Contact Dates: 1/2, 5, 7, 8, 9/68

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: 92's, 165, 166

Positive

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Extreme caution should be utilized in the dissemination of this information because of the possibility of either jeopardizing informant's life or compromising his identity. Multiple T-symbols should be utilized in reporting this information in reports; otherwise this information should be included in the administrative section of Bureau reports.

- 1 - 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-115 (C. CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-262 (A. CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-1475 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 165-113 (LAYOFF OPERATIONS)
- 1 - 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)
- 1 - 92-527 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-295 (C. MORETINA)
- 1 - 165-108 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 165-96 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-558 [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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92-559 [REDACTED]
92-177 (L. FARRELL) •
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92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)
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92-112 [REDACTED]
92-616 [REDACTED]
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92-470 [REDACTED]
92-265 [REDACTED]
92-272 (J. LASCUOLA)
92-273 (M. LASCUOLA)
92-828 [REDACTED]
92-1352 [REDACTED]
92-326 (J. GURERA)
92-1603 [REDACTED]
92-113 (J. FILARDO)
92-839 (P. FORTE)
92-473 [REDACTED]
92-180 (J. DUARDI)
92-337 (N. EVOLA)
92-942 [REDACTED]
92-334 (J. DI RENNA)
92-1346 [REDACTED]

92-123 (J. CUSUMANO)
92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)
92-767 (J. CAMMISANO)
92-364 (J. CARROLLA)
92-647 (S. CARROLLA)
92-1269 [REDACTED]
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92-251 (J. AMARO)
92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)
92-445 (J. BLANDO)
92-1051 [REDACTED]
92-972 (P. SELLARO)
92-515 [REDACTED]
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92-992 [REDACTED]
92-1499 [REDACTED]
165-230 [REDACTED]
165-231 [REDACTED]
92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
92-397 (K. ROGERS)
92-1820 [REDACTED]
92-535 [REDACTED]
92-874 (CC, KANSAS CITY, MO.)

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On 1/2/68 CI advised as follows:

TONY CIVELLA [REDACTED]

CIVELLA [REDACTED]

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On 1/5/68 CI advised as follows:

that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained

with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in a

[REDACTED] explained that he

and many [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kansas City and Chicago.

[REDACTED] since the death of LEW FARRELL.

FARRELL, prior to his death. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] areas.

[REDACTED] that there was to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and a person [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago and Kansas City.

On 1/7/68 CI advised as follows:

CI was contacted again [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago and Kansas City

[REDACTED] Chicago and Kansas City.

On 1/8/68 CI advised as follows:

KC [REDACTED]

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ANTHONY CIVELLA [REDACTED]

ANTHONY CIVELLA to take
and [REDACTED]

CIVELLA [REDACTED]

, and CIVELLA [REDACTED]

CIVELLA [REDACTED]

It was CI's personal opinion that [REDACTED]

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The above information was orally furnished to
SA [REDACTED] who indicated that he would investigate
the above matter in order to determine the [REDACTED]

CARL DE LUNA [REDACTED]

CI subsequently [REDACTED]

TONY CIVELLA [REDACTED]

CIVELLA did not elaborate on this statement.

CI noted that [REDACTED]

TONY CIVELLA, and

at the

area at approximately [REDACTED]

then

CI said that on one or two occasions
in the [REDACTED]

KC [REDACTED]

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CI said that when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CARL DE LUNA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CI stated that he personally felt that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CI said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Kansas City, Kansas area.

CI said that the [REDACTED] is not the same
as the one that [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Mo.

CI said that he possessed no information relative to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the Kansas City, Kansas area.

CI observed [REDACTED] go into the
[REDACTED] at approximately 12:00 noon on [REDACTED]
Approximately two hours later CI had the occasion to go into
the [REDACTED] and observed both [REDACTED] in
conversation with [REDACTED]

TONY CIVELLA [REDACTED]

from [REDACTED] CIVELLA
said that [REDACTED] to go on his
[REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] obtained a
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CI said that

CIVELLA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 1/9/68 CI advised that [REDACTED]

that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It should be noted that [REDACTED] had previously fur-
nished information [REDACTED]
located at [REDACTED] is now
[REDACTED]

CI advised that he knows [REDACTED]

who lives

[REDACTED] in Kansas City, Missouri, [REDACTED], according
to CI, is a [REDACTED] who was working for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CI said that [REDACTED] at one time, [REDACTED]

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On 1/8/68, CI advised that he was at the wake for JOSEPH GURERA, which was held on 12/31/67 and 1/1/68 at Passantino's Funeral Home. CI observed the following persons on either of these two days at the wake for JOSEPH GURERA:

NICK CIVELLA
CARL CIVELLA
ANTHONY CIVELLA
JOSEPH FILARDO
JOSEPH CUSUMANO
JOHN MANGIARACINA

[REDACTED]
JOHN MOLLE
GAETANO LOCOCO
WILLIAM CAMMISANO
JOSEPH CAMMISANO
JOSEPH CARROLLA
SAM CARROLLA

[REDACTED]
JOHN BLANDO
CHARLES BENGIMINA

[REDACTED]
ALEX PRESTA

[REDACTED]
CARL DE LUNA

[REDACTED]
THOMAS SIMONE

[REDACTED]
THOMAS FONTANELLO

[REDACTED]
MIKE LASCUOLA
JOSEPH LASCUOLA

[REDACTED]
PHIL FORTE

[REDACTED]
JAMES DUARDI
NICK EVOLA

[REDACTED]
DR. JAMES DI RENNA

[REDACTED]
BUSTER BALESTRERE
KARL ROGERS

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KC [redacted]

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On 1/9/68 CI advised as follows:

CI attended the [redacted] which was [redacted] following the [redacted] CI said that [redacted] and stayed all [redacted] and the arrangements for [redacted] [redacted] and stayed only the [redacted] These [redacted] at the [redacted]

CI said that on the night when [redacted] the following persons were observed by CI in attendance [redacted]

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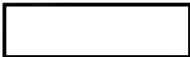
ANTHONY CIVELLA

CI said that during [redacted] between the [redacted] CI and some of the above-described people were [redacted] and [redacted] TONY CIVELLA and [redacted] CIVELLA [redacted] CIVELLA was [redacted] CIVELLA, in so many words, [redacted]

CI said that CARL CIVELLA [redacted] right after the first of [redacted] in order to go to [redacted] a few days before the [redacted] down to the [redacted] area.

CI advised that [redacted] was a [redacted] is [redacted] through his [redacted] will take [redacted] when [redacted] is not around, and she has been obtaining the [redacted]

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CI advised that the name  was unknown to him as being involved with the organized criminal element in Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

DATE: 2/1/68

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE - RUC -

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SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE, aka
AR
00: Kansas City
KC file 92-696
MI file 92-166

JOHN B. MOLLE, aka
AR
00: Kansas City
KC file 92-782
MI file 92-451

On 1/29/68, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past and is an acquaintance of Italian hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, furnished the following information to SA DANIEL E. BRANDT:

The informant advised that PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee LCN family, and [] which is [] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, visited Kansas City for several days during the week of 1/22-26/68.

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While in Kansas City, they made contact with BUSTIANO "BUSTER" BALESTRERE, JIM BALESTRERE, and JOHN B. MOLLE. The informant was unable to determine the purpose of their visit to Kansas City.

The above is being furnished to Kansas City for information purposes only in the event they were trying to identify unknown subjects who were recently in contact with the subjects.

2 - Kansas City (RM) (92-696) (92-782) AM-RM
5 - Milwaukee (92-166) (92-415)
(1 - [] (1 - 92-226) (1 - 92-565)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

DATE: 2/7/68

FROM : *cfb* ASAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

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SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE, aka
AR
OO: Kansas City
KC File 92-696

JOHN B. MOLLE, aka
AR
OO: Kansas City
KC File 92-782
MI File 92-451

ReMilet to Kansas City 2/1/68 captioned as above.

On 2/6/68 [redacted] furnished the following information to SAs CARLYLE N. REED and DANIEL E. BRANDT:

FRANK BALISTRIERI, Milwaukee LCN family boss, is driving a new 1968 powder blue Cadillac El Dorado, which he purchased through JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City, Mo.

It should be noted that in referenced communication [redacted] reported that PETER BALISTRIERI and [redacted] were the two individuals who went to Kansas City and this was during the week of 1/22-26/68.

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From the above it has not been possible to determine conclusively whether PETE BALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO, or both, were [redacted] on the above mentioned trip to Kansas City. As indicated above, one of the principal reasons for the trip would appear to be [redacted].

②-Kansas City (92-696; 92-782) RM
6-Milwaukee [redacted]; cc: 92-166, 92-451
(92-565, 92-226, 92-165)

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SAC [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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The PC was contacted by the writer and SA LEON B. LAKE, JR., 3-27-68, [REDACTED]. He was asked about FRANK BALISTRIERI, who is reportedly from Kansas City and employed as a pit boss in a casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. PC stated that he did not know and did not believe that he had ever heard of such an individual. PC noted that both [REDACTED] BALESTRERE and that this is a common name in such areas, with various spellings, and that [REDACTED] but that there are many other persons with this name [REDACTED] who has resided [REDACTED] for a number of years. PC has visited with [REDACTED] on several occasions when he has been [REDACTED] in such places as [REDACTED] whose first name was not immediately recalled by PC, but PC stated [REDACTED] FRANK and that he has never worked in gambling casinos. [REDACTED] in Kansas City. He, therefore, does not believe that the FRANK BALISTRIERI mentioned above is from the Kansas City area.

PC was also requested information regarding BUSTER BALESTRERE. PC stated that BUSTER [REDACTED] and until recently operated a bar at about 39th and Main Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. PC believes that BUSTER has closed this bar and either plans or is in the process of opening another bar at an unknown location in Kansas City, however, he stated that he could not furnish any more specific information in this regard.

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1874 (F. BALISTRIERI)
1 - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-1153 [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA ROY L. TUSSEY
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
CI

DATE: 6/5/68

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Dates of Contact: 6/2, 6/3/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted: See Below

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: 87, 92, 165, 166

Informant certified he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Purpose and results of contact: Positive

1 - [REDACTED]	1 - 92-972 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)	1 - 92-874 (CC, KCMO)
1 - 92-115 (C. CIVELLA)	1 - 92-527 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)	1 - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-295 (C. MORETINA)	1 - 92-517 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-473 (A. GARGOTTA)	1 - 92-251 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-257 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-828 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1191 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-1441 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1378 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-1188 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-112 (G. LOCOCO)	1 - 92-272 (J. LASCUOLA)
1 - 92-515 [REDACTED]	1 - 165-96 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-290 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-252 [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]	1 - 92-625 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-601 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-1342 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1535 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)
1 - 92-274 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-1703 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1666 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-125 (J. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-364 (J. CARROLLA)	1 - 92-1643 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-271 [REDACTED]	1 - 165-217 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-397 (K. ROGERS)	1 - 92-1058 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1351 [REDACTED]	1 - 166-668 (M. LASCUOLA)
1 - 92-147 [REDACTED]	1 - 87-14712 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1329 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-258 (M. JABEN)
1 - 92-647 (S. CARROLLA)	1 - 92-969 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-715 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-758 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-822 [REDACTED]	1 - 166-634 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-114 (T. SIMONE)	1 - 92-1499 [REDACTED]

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On 6/2/68, CI advised SA ROY L. TUSSEY as follows:

CI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

During CI's [REDACTED] he was in contact with

[REDACTED] CI said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the present time. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

indicated to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It was
CI's personal opinion that [REDACTED] of about
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Kansas City. CI explained that
[REDACTED] in
Kansas City, Missouri. CI claimed that [REDACTED]
are in telephonic contact with each other daily concerning
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] claimed that he occasionally [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When [REDACTED]

CI advised that [REDACTED] was coming
to [REDACTED] in order to [REDACTED] the
[REDACTED] has in his possession. It should
be noted this [REDACTED] allegedly is part of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 6/3/68, this CI furnished the following informa-
tion to SAS [REDACTED] and ROY L. TUSSEY:

[REDACTED] located at
[REDACTED] in order to [REDACTED] with some of the local
people. It should be noted that this CI previously reported

KC [REDACTED]

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that [REDACTED] in the vicinity of [REDACTED]

CI advised that [REDACTED] continue to [REDACTED]

CI advised that [REDACTED] He described [REDACTED] who does [REDACTED] and is not involved in any [REDACTED] CIVELLAS. [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED]

MAX JABEN, according to CI, is in [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] located in the vicinity of [REDACTED] CI has not received any information recently indicating that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] located in [REDACTED] CI stated that he was not currently aware of any [REDACTED] which would involve [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reportedly [REDACTED] recently on [REDACTED] which was [REDACTED] reportedly [REDACTED] in Kansas City and [REDACTED]

A group of photographs reflecting people who attended the funeral of THOMAS SIMONE was displayed to CI and he identified the following persons in these photographs:

NICK CIVELLA
CARL CIVELLA

CARL DE LUNA

"GERTIE" GARGOTTA

TANO LOCOCO

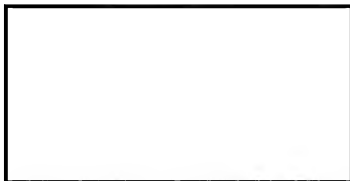
JOE CARROLLA
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This CI also tentatively identified the following persons as being in the photographs which were displayed to him:



"BUSTER" BALESTRERE or his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE

CI advised that he planned to return to [redacted] on either [redacted], in order to develop additional information concerning the [redacted].

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REPORTING OFFICE Kansas City	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Kansas City	DATE 6/14/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/8/68 - 6/12/68
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY ROY L. TUSSEY	TYPED BY tlw
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 12/21/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status. It will be reopened after a lapse of six months and at that time will be brought up to date. If relevant information is developed prior to that time, this case will be immediately made pending in order to follow the activities and report same of captioned subject.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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File reviews in this case were conducted on June 10 through June 12, 1968.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Milwaukee Division because of investigation conducted by that division in the past.

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INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is [REDACTED] who has furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-2 is [REDACTED] who has furnished information to SA DANIEL E. BRANDT of the Milwaukee Division.

KC T-3 is [REDACTED] who has furnished information to SAs DANIEL E. BRANDT and CARLYLE N. REED of the Milwaukee Division.

KC T-4 is [REDACTED] who has furnished information to SAs [REDACTED] and LEON B. LAKE, JR.

KC T-5 is [REDACTED] who had furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: ROY L. TUSSEY Office: Kansas City
Date: June 14, 1968

Field Office File #: 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: BALESTRERE was denied Kansas City, Missouri, liquor license for the Wander Inn, 4822 East 9th Street. His brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, also denied a liquor license for same place of business. Subject observed at the wakes for JOSEPH GURERA in Kansas City, Missouri, on 12/31/67 and 1/1/68. GURERA has previously been identified as a member of the Kansas City "Outfit", which is synonymous with La Cosa Nostra. PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was in Kansas City, Missouri, visiting subject during the period 1/22-26/68. PETER BALISTRIERI is the brother of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, who is the "boss" of the LCN in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Either subject or his brother JAMES BALESTRERE attended the funeral of THOMAS SIMONE in Kansas City, Missouri, on 5/24/68. SIMONE has previously been identified as a member of the Kansas City "Outfit".

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DETAILS:

On June 11, 1968, [REDACTED]
Kansas City Liquor Control Department, Kansas City, Missouri,
furnished the following information:

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BUSTER BALESTRERE, who resides 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, formerly owned the Nothing Special Bar. BALESTRERE purchased a business known as the Starlight Lounge in Kansas City, Missouri, in order to obtain the liquor license from this place of business. BALESTRERE applied for a transfer of the liquor license from the Starlight Lounge to the Wander Inn located at 4322 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This application for transfer was denied by the Kansas City Liquor Control Department, Kansas City, Missouri, because BUSTER BALESTRERE in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pled guilty to a gambling charge in 1967, which was a misdemeanor. JAMES BALESTRERE, brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE, then made application for a liquor license in the Wander Inn. This application was also denied by the Liquor Control Department.

Mr. [] advised that he based his decision to deny the application by JAMES BALESTRERE on the basis that the building where the Wander Inn is located is owned by [], who operate a wholesale liquor distributing business in the Kansas City area known as the [] located []

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Mr. [] advised he was also aware that the [] the BALESTRERES either through []

It should be noted that KC T-4 on March 27, 1968, advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE until recently operated a bar in the vicinity of 39th and Main in Kansas City, Missouri. According to KC-T-4, BUSTER BALESTRERE apparently has closed this bar and is in the process of opening up another bar in an unknown location in Kansas City, Missouri.

KC T-1 on January 3, 1968, advised that funeral wakes were held in Passantino's Funeral Home on December 31, 1967, and January 1, 1968, for JOSEPH GURERA. One of the persons observed attending these wakes was BUSTER BALESTRERE, according to KC T-1.

It should be noted that KC T-5 has previously identified JOSEPH GURERA as a member of the Kansas City "Outfit", which is synonymous with the La Cosa Nostra.

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KC T-2 on January 29, 1968, advised that PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI visited Kansas City, Missouri, for a few days during the week of January 22-26, 1968. According to KC T-2, BALISTRIERI was accompanied by [redacted] to Kansas City from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and these two made contact with DUSTER BALESTRERE, JAMES BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE. KC T-2 added that he was not aware of what purpose BALISTRIERI visited Kansas City.

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PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI is the brother of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, who is the "boss" of the La Cosa Nostra family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, according to KC T-2. [redacted] in Milwaukee, which is owned by FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

KC T-3 on February 6, 1968, advised that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, La Cosa Nostra boss in Milwaukee, is currently driving a new 1968 powder blue Cadillac El Dorado. This automobile, according to KC T-3, was purchased through JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City, Missouri. KC T-3 said that [redacted]

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[redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. KC T-3 identified STEVE DE SALVO as a member of the La Cosa Nostra in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On June 3, 1968, KC T-1 advised that the funeral for THOMAS SIMONE was held in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 24, 1968. According to KC T-1, either DUSTER BALESTRERE or his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, attended SIMONE's funeral.

KC T-5 has previously identified THOMAS SIMONE as being a member of the Kansas City "Outfit".



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

June 14, 1968

Title **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent Roy L.
Tussey, at Kansas City, dated
and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 7-3-68 By Telephone _____ Written Communication _____
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Information concerning:

BUSTIANO "BUSTER" BALESTRERE

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation☐ from informantsb6
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Information furnished to:

Liquor Control, KCMO

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks: SAs

observed

Balestrere managing Peppin's 5048 MAIN, KCMO. Liquor control records reveal Balestrere has no valid bar card. This information furnished to Mr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

DATE: 7/10/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka;
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On 7/3/68, the writer and SA [REDACTED] entered Peppina's Restaurant, 5048 Main, Kansas City, Missouri to have lunch. Immediately upon entering captioned subject was observed behind the cash register counter, and subject then showed the writer and SA [REDACTED] to a table. During the period the writer and SA [REDACTED] were at Peppina's the subject was observed to be generally in charge of the operations and handled all of the cash register transactions. Subject was not observed to handle any of the liquor trade at the restaurant, however, subject was not continuously in view. SA [REDACTED] asked the waiter who the man in charge was, indicating the subject, and the waiter said, "That's BUSTER".

On this same date, [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted and the above information was furnished to him. [REDACTED] indicated that subject no longer has a valid bar card in that the [REDACTED] had declared subject ineligible to hold a bar card in view of a gambling conviction in the State of Wisconsin. MR. [REDACTED] said he would give this information to his investigators and have Peppina's checked in the hope of catching subject handling liquor transactions at this location.

At this time MR. [REDACTED] also advised that subject's brother, JAMES BALESTRERE has, under a corporate name, filed for a liquor permit for the Wander Inn 4222 E. 9th Street. Subject had previously applied to the Liquor Control Board for a permit to do business at this location, however was turned down.

On 7/5/68 and 7/8/68, the writer returned to the Liquor Control

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Board to review the files concerning subject. This topic was also discussed again with [] stated that unless subject is actually found to be handling liquor at Peppina's no too much could be done about his working at this location. [] explained that the new liquor code specifies that where a location does 50% food business an employee can handle the cash register without having a bar card. However, [] advised that his investigators would periodically check this location.

It is noted that prior reports in this matter have set out certain information concerning subject's attempts to obtain a liquor permit. The following is a summary of information obtained upon reviewing Liquor Control files on the indicated dates:

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Subject had been granted a liquor permit as sole owner d/b/a Nothing Special, 3323 Main, KCMO, in 1966, and he subsequently sold this location. The file pertaining to this location was not reviewed.

On 10/31/67, subject submitted an application for a permit to sell liquor by the drink under the trade name Starlight Lounge, 2719 Prospect, KCMO. He indicated that he had purchased this location 10/31/67 from [] for \$1000. This application contained the following descriptive data:

Name	BUSTER BALESTRERE
Address	8604 E 53rd Street
Telephone	FL 8-0273
DOB	11/16/1918, KCMO
Wife	<u>ROSE BALESTRERE</u>
Father	Frank Balestrere - deceased
Mother	First name not shown NOVARRO (maiden name)
Physical Description	5' 7½", 142 lbs, Black hair, brown eyes
Employments	Peppina's Restaurant 5/62 to 7/64 Jim's Bar 8/64 to 1/66 Sole owner of tavern 1/66 to 7/67

The file also showed that subject had executed a promissory note to the Central Bank, 3030 Truman Road, in the amount of \$3500, co-signed by JOHN MOLE. Upon interview subject stated he was to use this money plus another \$1500 he was going to borrow from the Central Bank ~~xxx~~ in the business making a total investment of \$5000 in the bar.

At the same time subject filed the above application he also : file an application to transfer the liquor permit for the Starlight Lounge to the Wander Inn, 4222 E. 9th Street, KCMO.

This file also contains two certificates pertaining to subject's birth. The first is a birth certificate, the kind that is filed with

the city, indicating BASTIANO BALESTRERI, was born at Kansas City, Mo., on 11/16/1918. His parents are shown as FRANCESCO BALESTRERI and GUISEPPA NOVARRA, both of whom were born in Castellamare, Italy. This birth certificate shows this to be the 6th child of these parents.

The other document is a birth registration notice, showing that BUSTER BALESTRERE was born 11/16/1918 at 532 Troost, KCMO. His parents are shown as FRANK & JOSEPHINE BALESTRERE.

The subject was called in to the liquor control and furnished a signed statement concerning his use of different names. The subject explained that the birth certificate shows his Italian name, with his middle name of Veto left out, while the other document shows his Americanized name.

The file also contains a form captioned, "Liquor Application Investigation", and is dated 1/22/68. This shows subject living at 8604 E. 53rd Street, with a former address for three years of 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. His wife is shown with the maiden name of (Rose) MARCHESE. This form shows subject to have been in the city for five years. He is shown as having [redacted]

[redacted] His current employment is marked unemployed. Relative to past employments it is shown that from 1/66 to 7/67 he ran the Nothing Special Lounge; from 8/64 to 1/66 he worked at Jim's Bar; from 5/62 to 8/64 he worked at Peppina's; for the 8 years prior to that he worked at Gallaghers Restaurant in Milwaukee, Wis.

By letter dated February 12, 1968, [redacted] notified subject his application for a liquor permit had been denied. A copy of this letter is attached to this memo.

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On 2/16/68, a notice was sent to the Liquor Control board by attorney [redacted] that subject was appealing this ruling. Then on 3/19/68 the Liquor Control Board was advised the appeal was being withdrawn.

Subject currently has no valid bar card nor does he have any permit to operate a liquor business and his jacket is marked "INELLIGIBLE".

It is also to be noted, that when SA [redacted] observed subject on 7/3/68 it was obvious he is identical with one of the individuals photographed on May 24, 1968, in attendance at the funeral of THOMAS SIMONE.

February 12, 1968

Certified Mail

Mr. Buster Balestrere,
8604 E. 53rd,
Kansas City, Missouri

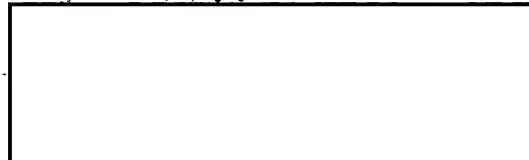
Dear Mr. Balestrere:

Reference is made to your application for a liquor permit, to do business as Starlight Lounge, 2719 Prospect, and your application for a transfer of location to do business as The Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th. This office is in possession of a authenticated copy of the record of the State Court, County of Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which reflects that on October 25, 1965, you were charged with a felony, specifically, the operation of a gambling place. The record further reflects that on May 23, 1967, you appeared in court at which time the felony charge was dismissed and a misdemeanor of gambling was filed, to which you entered a plea of guilty. You were fined \$500, plus \$292.23 costs.

These records further reflect that you were engaged in what is known as commercialized gambling, that you operated as "stick man" and controlled the operation of games of chance.

Your application for a liquor permit is hereby denied inasmuch as the above facts bear adversely upon your moral character as provided in Sec. 4.61, Code of General Ordinances, Kansas City, Missouri, in section (c).

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Capt. [redacted] Vice
File [redacted]

Jacket #66-5285

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 2/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/3/68 - 2/14/69
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA ROY L. TUSSEY	TYPED BY pe
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA ROY L. TUSSEY dated 6/14/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status. It will be reopened after a lapse of six months and at that time it will be brought up to date. If pertinent information is received prior to that time, this case will be made pending in order to follow and report the activities of the subject.

File review in this case was conducted on
2/13-14/69.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
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INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is [REDACTED] who has furnished
information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

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KC T-2 is [REDACTED] who has furnished
information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: SA ROY L. TUSSEY
Date: 2/14/69

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #: 92-696

Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

BALESTRERE continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He is employed in the Wander Inn, located at 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. KC T-1 and KC T-2 reported no current information regarding BALESTRERE being active and associating with members of the Kansas City "outfit".

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DETAILS:

On July 3, 5 and 8, 1968, [redacted] of the Kansas City Liquor Control Department, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished the following information to SAs [redacted]

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BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, has filed under a corporate name for a liquor permit for the Wander Inn, located at 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] noted that BUSTER BALESTRERE had previously filed for a liquor permit for this place of business and had been turned down by [redacted]

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[] advised that he was aware that BUSTER BALESTRERE was working in Peppina's Restaurant located at 5048 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE. [] advised that under the new Liquor Code, BUSTER BALESTRERE, as an employee, can work as a food handler and operator of the cash register without having a bar card in a place of business which dispenses liquor.

[] furnished the following information which was contained in his files relative to BUSTER BALESTRERE:

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Subject was granted a liquor permit as sole owner of the Nothing Special Bar located at 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1966. He subsequently sold this business. On October 31, 1967, subject submitted an application to sell liquor by the drink under the trade name of Starlight Lounge, located at 2719 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. He indicated that he had purchased this location from [] for the sum of \$1,000.00. His application for this liquor permit contained the following descriptive data:

Name	BUSTER BALESTRERE
Residence	8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri
Home telephone #	EL 8-0273
Date of birth	November 16, 1918,
Place of birth	Kansas City, Missouri
Wife	ROSE BALESTRERE
Employments	Peppina's Restaurant and Bar (1962 - 1964)
	Jim's Bar (1964 - 1966)
	Nothing Special Bar (1966 - 1967)

Physical description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Height	5' 7 1/2"
Weight	142 lbs.

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BALESTRERE, according to Liquor Control records, executed a promissory note with the Central Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, for the amount of \$3,500.00. This note was co-signed by JOHN MOLLE.

It should be noted that JOHN MOLLE has previously been identified as a member of the Kansas City "outfit", which is synonymous with the La Cosa Nostra.

At the same time BALESTRERE filed the above liquor application, he also filed an application to transfer this liquor permit from the Starlight Lounge to the Wander Inn.

By letter dated February 12, 1968, the Kansas City Liquor Control Board notified BALESTRERE that his application for a liquor permit had been denied because he had been charged with a felony in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 1965.

On February 14, 1969, Mr. [] advised as follows:

The Wander Inn Tavern located at 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, has a liquor permit issued to JAMES BALESTRERE, who is the brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE. BUSTER still resides at 8604 E. 53rd Street.

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BUSTER BALESTRERE operates the Wander Inn and is believed by the Kansas City Liquor Control Department to be the actual owner of this place of business; however, the official records do not reflect this as being so.

Mr. [] advised that his investigators periodically check in the Wander Inn and have observed BUSTER BALESTRERE directing the operations of this bar. [] investigators, to date, have been unable to observe BUSTER BALESTRERE in violation of any local liquor laws.

KC T-1 and KC T-2 on February 7 and 10, 1969, respectively, advised that they possessed no information reflecting any current activities involving BUSTER BALESTRERE with members of the Kansas City "outfit". Both KC T-1 and KC T-2 noted that if BALESTRERE was associating with "outfit" members, both would certainly be aware of any such activity.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

February 14, 1969

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Kansas City report of SA ROY L.
RUSSEY dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA ROY L. TUSSEY
SUBJ: [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/16/69

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DATES OF CONTACT: [REDACTED]
POSITIVE CONTACT
X INFORMANT CERTIFIED
RATING: GOOD

COVERAGE: 92's, 162's, 165's, and 166's

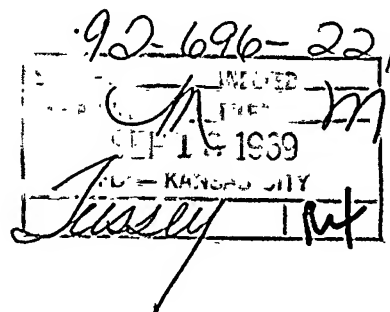
TITLES AND FILE NUMBERS ON WHICH CONTACTED:

1- 92-295 [REDACTED]
1- 92-527 [REDACTED]
1- 92-252 (T. CACIOPPO)
1- 92-254 [REDACTED]
1- 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)
1- 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)
1- 92-115 (C. CIVELLA)
1- 92-262 (T. CIVELLA)
1- 92-318 [REDACTED]
1- 92-1346 [REDACTED]
1- 92-417 (T. FONTANELLO)
1- 92-124 (F. FERINA)
1- 92-364 (J. CARROLLA)
1- 92-647 (S. CARROLLA)
1- 92-1294 [REDACTED]
1- 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1- 92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)
1- 92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)
1- 92-767 (J. CAMMISANO)

1- 92-337 (N. EVOLA)
1- 92-942 [REDACTED]
1- 92-112 (T. LOCOCO)
1- 92-828 [REDACTED]
1- 92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)
1- 92-265 [REDACTED]
1- 92-473 [REDACTED]
1- 92-271 [REDACTED]
1- 92-546 [REDACTED]
1- 165-96 [REDACTED]
1- 92-992 [REDACTED]
1- 92-883 (LCN)
1- 92-532 (D. LAWSON)
1- 92-259 [REDACTED]
1- 92-470 [REDACTED]
1- 92-1398 (SHYLOCKING)
1- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Source said that JOE CARROLLA is the treasurer for CIVELLA's outfit. It was sources personal opinion that CARROLLA

[REDACTED]

CARROLLA, according to source, is closer to NICK CIVELLA than any other person. Source, at this point of the interview, stated that of course.

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DANNY LAWSON was described as the person who handles the "juice money" for CIVELLA's group. LAWSON was characterized as being very astute, and probably [REDACTED] LAWSON is still involved in some bookmaking activities; however, his primary use by CIVELLA is through loaning money at high interest rates.

KC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] charac r-
 ized [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED] man. [REDACTED] according
 to source, [REDACTED] CIVELLA's group
 and works out of the [REDACTED] area.

The following individuals, in the order designated,
 are the closest to NICK CIVELLA:

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1. JOE CARROLLA
2. [REDACTED]
3. CARL DE LUNA
4. CHARLES MORETINA

[REDACTED] advised that the following list of people re-
 present, to his way of thinking, as being members of the CIVELLA
 family:

1. NICK CIVELLA
2. CARL CIVELLA
3. ANTHONY CIVELLA
4. CARL DE LUNA
5. JOE CARROLLA
6. CHARLES MORETINA
7. [REDACTED]
8. TOM CACIOPPO
9. [REDACTED]
10. TOM FONTANELLO
11. FELIX FERINA
12. SAM CARROLLA
13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. [REDACTED]
16. BUSTER BALESTRERE
17. CHARLES BENGIMINA
18. WILLIAM CAMMISANO
19. JOE CAMMISANO
20. NICK EVOLA
21. [REDACTED]
22. TOM LOCOCO
23. [REDACTED]
24. JOHN MANGIARACINA
25. [REDACTED]
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31. [REDACTED]

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Source advised that the only person in the above list which he would have any question about relative to their loyalty and membership in CIVELLA's family would be "GERTIE" GARGOTTA. He pointed out that GARGOTTA is probably a member because GARGOTTA enjoys the confidence of CIVELLA and has been in charge of various gambling enterprises for CIVELLA in the past.

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Source said that his reason for frankly talking with the contacting agent was to impress the FBI that source does have knowledge of CIVELLA's activities, which he believes the FBI is interested in. Source claimed that he would meet with the contacting agent during the next thirty days and furnish additional information concerning organized crime in the Kansas City area. At the end of thirty days, according to the source, he would let the contacting agent be the judge whether source should be compensated monetarily relative to his furnishing information to the FBI. Source said that he was not interested in a few dollars for his information and was only interested in a sum of money representing several thousands of dollars.

Source was told that the FBI would be willing to compensate source for his assistance provided the information was of significant value. It was explained to him that before the FBI could compensate him for his assistance, it would be necessary for this Bureau to evaluate his information prior to making any determination relative to the worth of the information. [] was agreeable to this explanation and commented that he believed the FBI would look favorable upon his cooperation and furnishing of information to this Bureau.

[] said that he would meet with SA ROY L. TUSSEY during the afternoon of [].

It should be noted that the writer attempted to contact [] and it was determined that neither he nor [] were at their residence on this date.

Source advised that [] to [] He claimed that the [] the CIVELLAS has been [] He claimed that his [] because of [] when he has been []

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Source said that [redacted]
[redacted] in Las Vegas, Nevada who are gamblers and are associated
with organized crime throughout the United States [redacted]
[redacted]. He claimed that [redacted]
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date 5-27-70

Re

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE AR

Field File No. 92-696

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE FBI No. 1057020
Other No. _____

Aliases _____

Sex <u>MALE</u>	Race <u>WHITE</u>	Birth Date <u>11-16-18</u>	Birthplace <u>KANSAS CITY, MO</u>	Residence <u>KANTOWN, MO</u>
Height <u>150</u>	Weight <u>5'8"</u>	Build <u>MEDIUM</u>	Hair <u>DARK</u>	Eyes _____
Complexion <u>MEDIUM</u>				Age <u>52</u>

Fingerprint Classification _____

Scars, marks and tattoos _____

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☐ Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply 6-4-70

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☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files

☒ Record Attached

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On July 14, 1970, [redacted], Administrative Assistant, Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted concerning BUSTER BALESTRERE and his activities at the Wander Inn Tavern, 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the previous Saturday there was a fight at the tavern and as a result of this fight, the licensee, JIM BALESTRERE, will be cited for violation of the liquor code for Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. [redacted] explained that the fight involved [redacted] residence [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, telephone [redacted]. According to the liquor code, it is a violation for any employee to be involved in a fight on or about the premises.

In addition, Mr. [redacted] stated that the Liquor Control Board is trying to get the State Department of Liquor Control, now [redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, to investigate the situation wherein BUSTER BALESTRERE is the apparent manager of the Wander Inn Tavern. Mr. [redacted] stated that the city ordinance is not as strong as the state ordinance which does not allow a person with BALESTRERE'S record to be employed or take a managerial position in a tavern. Mr. [redacted] stated he was not certain when the State Department of Liquor Control will take any action but felt that they would eventually take the case. He explained that since January of this year, considerable undercover work was conducted by officers of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department who observed BUSTER BALESTRERE working in the tavern, behind the bar (not serving drinks), checking the cash register and receipts. BALESTRERE would also give orders to employees and delivery men and appeared to manage the business.

Mr. [redacted] stated that contact with [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, by [redacted], Liquor Control Board, was very productive concerning BALESTRERE'S activities.

Mr. [redacted] advised he has learned that BALESTRERE frequently is seated at the end of the bar near the door and has the practice of observing patrons who enter and attempting to determine what type automobile they arrived in.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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During the afternoon hours, Special Agents [redacted] entered the Wander Inn Tavern, 4222 East 9th Street. Inside the tavern they observed BUSTER BALESTRERE, who was seated at the south end of the bar conversing with an individual. BALESTRERE went outside after Agents entered and on returning, BALESTRERE spoke with Agents, who at no time identified themselves, and asked if they had arrived in a white stationwagon parked outside the door and received a response in the negative. BALESTRERE walked in and out of the tavern several times and was later observed talking with an individual who had entered the tavern after Agents' entry.

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While talking with this individual, BALESTRERE instructed the female bartender to open the cash register and remove from beneath the cash tray an item which after given to him, he presented to the aforementioned individual. BALESTRERE in talking to this individual said, "That's my brother, JIM, he's out of town now." When Agents left the tavern, BALESTRERE was seated at the end of the bar located by the south window and was conversing with a customer.

On 7/13/70 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696-227
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] DRLR:clc Date dictated 7/16/70

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 7/27/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/13 - 14/70
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, AKA		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY clc
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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REFERENCE: Kansas City letter to Director, 9/30/69.

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Maintain contact with [REDACTED], Administrative Assistant,
Liquor Control Board, to determine status of subject's employment
at the Wander Inn Tavern.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The investigative period does not include the inclusion of information received while case was in a pending inactive status or prior to referenced letter.

INFORMANTS

KC T-1 is who was contacted by SA ROY.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Field Office File #:

KC 92-596

Bureau File #:

92-5130

Title:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

BALESTRERE continues his employment as manager of the Wander Inn Tavern. Tavern is subject of liquor control violation for disturbance in which a bartender was involved. Subject's identification record set forth with no additional entries.

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DETAILS:

KC T-1 advised on September 4, 1969, that he considers BUSTER BALESTRERE to be a member of the Kansas City "Outfit."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 1 057 020

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Alcohol Tax Unit Kans. City, Mo.	Buster Balestrere #	2-19-36	Int. Rev. Liq.	5-25-36, P.C. 5 yrs., prob.
USEI, Kans. City, Mo.	Buster Balestrere #1111	2-19-36	still	7-29-36 placed on prob. for 5 yrs.
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	Buster Balistreri #36655	4-9-41	assault and battery	
PD, Kans. City, Mo	Buster Balestrere #60656	12-28-47	inv. COT	12-30-47, rel by Rob. Bur. on chg. of inv.
PD., Kans. City, Mo.	Buster Veto Balestrere #60656	10-19-50	inv/	10-20-50 rel by burg bur
PD Kans City Mo	Buster Vito Balestrere #60656	8-9-65	st wrnt gamb (wisc)	
SO Kenosha Wis	Buster Veto Balestrere #1928A	4-26-66	Oper Gambling Est	\$500 & C or 6 mos
Army	Buster Vito Balestrere #37500776	1-23-43		

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

July 27, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Kansas City report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC [REDACTED]

7/24/70

SA [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact: See Below
Rating: Excellent
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July 6, 1970

On Friday night, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subsequently [REDACTED]
the [REDACTED] and was met there by NICK CIVELLA and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CIVELLA told [REDACTED] that he didn't want [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and has
indicated that [REDACTED] stated that
he is [REDACTED] and as soon as
possible will [REDACTED] located [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NICK CIVELLA [REDACTED]

PC advised that prior to this incident [REDACTED]

in the [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 92-116 (N.CIVELLA)
1 - 92-243 (C.DELUNA)
1 - 92-115 (C.CIVELLA)
1 - 92-527 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-244 (W.CAMMISANO)
1 - 92-290 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-335 (C?BENGIMINA)
1 - 92-521 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-252 (T.CACIOFFO)
1 - 92-565 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-270 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-871 [REDACTED]

1 - 92-696 (B.BALESTRERE) P.3
1 - 92-711 (J.MANGIARACINA)
1 - 92-2124 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-553 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-295 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-251 (J.AMARO)
1 - 92-782 (J.MOLLE)
1 - 92-1097 [REDACTED]
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1 - 92-293
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1 - 165-96
1 - 165-433

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WILLIE CANNISANO had a big party at his home over the 4th of July.

TOM CACIOPPO is still out of town and is supposed to be in Las Vegas, Nevada. CACIOPPO will be gone several more weeks.

[REDACTED] is reportedly [REDACTED] in another month.

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PC advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was involved in on [REDACTED] indicated
that [REDACTED] did not feel that [REDACTED] the
[REDACTED] was right in resorting to using [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] could easily have [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PC stated that he has been trying [REDACTED]
now that [REDACTED] to obtain any
information [REDACTED] may furnish. In this regard, [REDACTED] made the
comment that [REDACTED] WILLIE CANNISANO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PC advised that in the past week or so [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], however; PC was unable to determine the reason for
[REDACTED]

PC stated that CARL CIVELLA [REDACTED]. PC used
to be able to obtain some information [REDACTED] but in recent
[REDACTED] has become [REDACTED]
and will not talk with PC freely any longer.

July 9, 1970

On [REDACTED] PC had seen CARL CIVELLA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. CIVELLA is friendly with
[REDACTED] of this location, a fellow named [REDACTED]
CIVELLA normally [REDACTED]
PC, who is acquainted with [REDACTED] has learned that CIVELLA is a frequent
visitor to [REDACTED]

PC advised that he is acquainted with [REDACTED] who is in the
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] however, PC does not know who [REDACTED] PC
stated he knows that [REDACTED] in
[REDACTED] are close associates.

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July 13, 1970

On [redacted], WILLIE CANNISANO was [redacted] and was talking about [redacted] he would [redacted] CANNISANO apparently was to [redacted] on Saturday, [redacted], and from the conversation will be [redacted] CANNISANO mentioned he would be in touch with the [redacted]

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[redacted] however, PC was unable to do so.

BUSTER BALESTRERE was also at [redacted] waiting for WILLIE CANNISANO. When CANNISANO arrived BALESTRERE got with him for a private talk. BALESTRERE is running a bar on 9th Street which is frequented by all kinds of hoodlums, narcotics addicts, etc.

PC advised that [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] [redacted], who had [redacted] recently had been [redacted]

July 14, 1970

On this date PC advised that he was able to learn the following from [redacted]

[redacted] is no longer [redacted] is now [redacted]

located at [redacted] is also [redacted]

[redacted] TOM CACIOPPO is reportedly in Las Vegas [redacted]

[redacted] at the [redacted], and will [redacted] as soon as he can [redacted]

July 17, 1970

[redacted] just got back from Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] by the name of [redacted] were talking about [redacted]

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At 1:30 pm, [REDACTED] PC saw CARL DE LUNA and [REDACTED] just leaving [REDACTED]

At this time PC was asked if he could recall any mention of DE LUNA'S whereabouts on the [REDACTED]. PC stated that this would have been the day before [REDACTED] and PC stated it was noticeable that during this period DE LUNA was not around. PC stated that ordinarily DE LUNA [REDACTED] and would have been with NICK CIVELLA [REDACTED] followed. In addition [REDACTED] never mentioned being contacted by DE LUNA [REDACTED] which ordinarily would be the case. PC stated that based on this he would guess that DE LUNA was not in the city.

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JOHN AMARO [REDACTED]

WILLIE CAMMISANO is definitely out of the city and is supposed to be in Denver.

It is noted that details known re CAMMISANO's alleged travel was furnished to the Denver Office.

PC stated [REDACTED] is living. PC said he determined that [REDACTED]

July 20, 1970

On [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED] CARL CIVELLA, but CIVELLA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however, PC does not know where [REDACTED] went.

[REDACTED] is currently in [REDACTED] PC said he will be hearing from [REDACTED] and will attempt to find out where [REDACTED]

JOHN MANGIARACINA is reportedly dying of cancer.

July 24, 1970

PC advised that [REDACTED] was

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reportedly for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. As PC previously advised CARL CIVELLA was a frequent visitor and was acquainted with [REDACTED]

PC stated [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mentioned he was with a [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED]
and indicated this individual was [REDACTED]

PC was unable to furnish any current information as to the activities of JOHN MOLLE. He stated that he recalls that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was one of several individuals who [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] from St. Louis who is a frequent visitor to Kansas City.

PC advised that the individual who had been [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is reportedly in [REDACTED].
PC stated that this [REDACTED] and.
PC cannot understand why [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] unless he was put up to it.

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PC stated that he does know that MAX JABEN has frequented the [REDACTED]

The information re [REDACTED] was checked with SGT. [REDACTED], Intelligence Unit, KCMO PD. SGT. [REDACTED] after checking Police Department records, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: August 27, 1970

FROM : SA LEON B. LAKE, JR.

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☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

7/9/70, 7/16/70, 7/26/70, 7/29/70, 8/17/70

Titles (Criminal and Racial Informants only) and File #s on which contacted

see below

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - 162-398 [REDACTED]
 1 - 165-268 [REDACTED]
 1 - 162-686 [REDACTED]
 1 - 162-674 [REDACTED]
 1 - 166-815 [REDACTED]
 1 - 166-801 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-243 (CARL DE LUNA)
 1 - 92-532 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-1102 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-535 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-553 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-256 [REDACTED]
 1 - 162-194 [REDACTED]
 1 - 166-668 (MIKE SCHOOL)

1 - 92-782 (JOHN MOLLE) p3
 1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
 1 - 92-515 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-112 (GAETANO LOCOCO)
 1 - 92-1437 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-834 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-1807 [REDACTED]
 1 - 92-115 (CORKY CIVELLA)
 1 - 165-96 [REDACTED]

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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PERSONAL DATA

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TE furnished the following information on July 9, 1970:

TE was questioned as to the people he knew who contacted [redacted] personally or [redacted] was [redacted] prior to the [redacted] TE stated the following he definitely knew were [redacted] other than [redacted]

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TE stated that [redacted] and wanted to know if [redacted] for the "Outfit" at [redacted]

TE was advised to go ahead and [redacted] but under no circumstances should he [redacted]

TE advised that [redacted] in case [redacted] of him.

TE said that [redacted] and hoped that the [redacted] as time goes on.

TE furnished the following information on July 16, 1970:

TE was given a number of nicknames and [redacted] [redacted] prior to [redacted] on the [redacted] TE identified the following people:

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TE was questioned about the LEON JORDAN murder case and advised that [REDACTED] who had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that about [REDACTED] LEON JORDAN [REDACTED] TE said he would try to get more information on the shooting of LEON JORDAN.

TE advised that MIKE SCHOOL went to Norway with a Norwegian club, July 3, 1970, and will be gone about one month.

TE advised that JOHN MOLLE supposedly has a Chevrolet agency in a small town outside of Kansas City (Buckner, Missouri). TE said that MOLLE does not associate with the North End.

TE was unable to furnish any information regarding BUSTER BALESTRERE. *

TE said regarding [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the only reason he associates with any of the [REDACTED] is due to his being [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He said to his knowledge when he [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he does not associate with the North End.

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TE advised that GAETANO LOCOCO plays lowball at the "Trap" on a regular basis.

TE advised he does not know [REDACTED]

TE stated that [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] however, is not involved with the North End in a criminal way.

TE advised he does not know [REDACTED]

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TE advised on July 26, 1970, that he was in the [REDACTED] the other evening, and there was an individual [REDACTED] and he overheard this individual say that he was with [REDACTED] and that he was talking about how [REDACTED] was going to get [REDACTED] TE advised he had never seen this individual before and that he did not hear his name mentioned by any of the individuals [REDACTED]

TE also advised on July 26, 1970, that [REDACTED] is working at [REDACTED]

TE furnished the following information on July 29, 1970:

TE stated he has been unable to obtain any information regarding the LEON JORDAN murder case, however, stated to his knowledge JORDAN was a straight individual and was well liked. He said there had been dissension between the Panthers and JORDAN and felt that the Panthers had something to do with JORDAN's death.

TE advised that he saw CORKY CIVELLA in [REDACTED]

TE advised that [REDACTED]

and has [REDACTED]

TE said [REDACTED] at the present time but is acting as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]

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On August 17, 1970, TE was telephonically contacted at which time TE advised he was not in a position to talk to the writer and would call the writer on August 18 or 19, 1970.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri
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Report of: [REDACTED] Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 9/30/70

Field Office File #: KC 696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: EUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: The Wander Inn Tavern was cited by the Liquor Control Board to be closed 10 days from 9/29/70 and an additional 10 days if other violations occur prior to end of 1970. Subject was born BASTANO BALESTRERI, 11/16/18 at Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

On August 13, 1970, [REDACTED], Administrative Assistant, Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] and stated that no action had been taken concerning the altercation at the Wander Inn.

On September 21, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] was recontacted and stated that because of the fight the Wander Inn has been cited for liquor violation and closed for 20 days, 10 days to be served from September 29, 1970, and the other 10 days to be served before the end of the year if any other violations arise. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that due to the owners continued absence in Las Vegas, Nevada the owner being JAMES BALESTRERE, it is possible that administrative action will be taken against him and the Wander Inn.

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On September 21, 1970, [REDACTED], Clerk, Historical Records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished SA [REDACTED] birth certificate registrar #5160-18, which indicated that BASTANO BALESTRERI, male legitimate, was born November 16, 1918, father FRANCESCO BALESTRERI, 532 Forest, white, age 40, laborer,

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from Castellamore, Italy; mother GUISEPPA NAVARRA, 532 Forest, white, age 35, a housewife from Castellamore, Italy. This was their sixth child and the certificate was filed November 21, 1918.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 9/30/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/13/70 - 9/21/70
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka Bastano Balestreri (TN), etc.		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY WSA
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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Title marked changed to include true name
of subject.

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA 7/27/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This matter is being placed in a pending inactive status and will be reopened after a lapse of six months. If information is developed prior to that time indicating activity on the part of subject of a criminal nature this matter will be immediately made pending.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Kansas City, Missouri - 64106

March 12, 1971

Mr. [redacted]
Attorney in Charge
Kansas City Strike Force
717 Ozark Building
Kansas City, Mo. 64106

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Attention: Attorney [redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

In accordance with request of Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] enclosed herewith are copies of reports prepared
by the FBI since January 6, 1967. This Bureau has furnished
copies of some reports on these individuals to the Attorney
in Charge of the Strike Force at St. Louis. Mr. [redacted] said
his office would obtain these reports and that it would not
be necessary to furnish duplicates. One exception has been
taken in this regard as concerns [redacted] inas-
much as [redacted] of the Strike Force indicated an
interest to commence immediately investigative activity on
[redacted]

JOHN FRANK AMARO

Reports of SA ROY L. TUSSEY dated March 29, 1967
and May 25, 1967

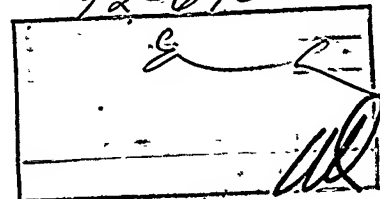
Reports of SA SHEA W. AIREY dated:

July 31, 1967
Oct. 31, 1967
Dec. 29, 1967
Mar. 18, 1968
Aug. 18, 1969

Copies of all reports prepared since August 18, 1969
on Amaro have been furnished to Attorney in Charge of the
Strike Force at St. Louis.

2 - Addressee (Enc. 49)
12 - Kansas City (2 - 92-2307)
(See P. 5 for add'l copies)

WJQ:MEJ
(14) [initials]



[redacted]
Reports of SA [redacted] dated:

January 6, 1967
May 19, 1967

[redacted]
Reports of SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR. dated:

May 26, 1967
Dec. 14, 1967
July 8, 1968
Feb. 18, 1969
Sep. 22, 1969
Apr. 20, 1970
Oct. 8, 1970

[redacted]
Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/30/70.

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE :

Reports of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated:

Jan. 27, 1967
May 15, 1967

Report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH dated:

Dec. 21, 1967

Reports of SA ROY L. TUSSEY dated:

June 14, 1968
Feb. 14, 1969

Copies of all reports prepared after February 14, 1969
have been furnished to the Attorney in Charge, Strike Force,
St. Louis.

GIOVANNI BATTISTA BLANDO

Reports of SA [] dated:

Jan. 10, 1967
Sep. 7, 1967

Reports of SA [] dated:

Apr. 30, 1968
Nov. 27, 1968
July 18, 1969
Mar. 5, 1970

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Copy of the only report prepared after March 5, 1970 has been furnished to the Attorney in Charge, Strike Force, St. Louis.

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Copies of all reports prepared on this individual have been furnished to Attorney in Charge, Strike Force, St. Louis.

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Reports of SA [] dated:

Feb. 10, 1967
Mar. 28, 1967

Report of SA LEON B. LAKE, JR. dated:

May 26, 1967

[]

Reports of SA [] dated:

Mar. 23, 1967
July 31, 1967
June 10, 1968

THOMAS JOSEPH CACIOPPO

Reports of SA [] dated:

Mar. 6, 1967
Apr. 28, 1967
June 29, 1967

Reports of SA [] dated:

Oct. 25, 1967
May 31, 1968
Feb. 19, 1969
Apr. 30, 1969
Aug. 7, 1969
Dec. 11, 1969
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Copies of all reports written since February 27, 1970 have been furnished to AIC, St. Louis.

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Reports of SA [] dated:

June 30, 1969
Aug. 22, 1969
Nov. 28, 1969

Reports of SA LEON B. LAKE, JR. dated:

Jan. 29, 1970
Mar. 30, 1970

Copies of all reports written since March 30, 1970 have been furnished to AIC, St. Louis.

Copies of reports Mr. [] requested on other individuals will be furnished as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

KARL W. DISSLY
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (49)

KC 92-2307

KC let to Mr. [REDACTED]

AIC, Strike Force
Kansas City, Mo.

KC Copies Only:

1 - 92-251 (J. AMARO)
1 - 92-1378 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-391 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-834 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-445 (G. BLANDO)
1 - 92-1652 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-802 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-252 (T. CACIOPPO)
1 - 92-303 [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/29/71

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE was interviewed at the Wander Inn Tavern, 4222 East 9th Street. At the start of the interview, BALESTRERE advised that he was well aware of what the FBI wanted to talk to him about. He said that he had only recently returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he had attended the wake and funeral of FRANK BALISTRERI'S father. He stated that he had observed the FBI and the police taking pictures of the persons attending the wake and funeral. He complained that the FBI and the police have harassed him since he was sixteen years of age. He related that at the age of sixteen years, he was convicted of selling a pint of whiskey, and because of this conviction he has not been able to obtain a liquor license.

BALESTRERE stated that he does not own or operate the Wander Inn Tavern. His brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, owns the tavern and his, BUSTIANO'S, wife, ROSIE BALESTRERE, operates it. Later he remarked that his wife did not know how to purchase whiskey supplies and that he had curtailed off the dance floor because the musicians were charging him too much money.

He related that he is now fifty-two years of age, and due to the harassment of the law enforcement, he is unable to work. When asked if he could not get a laboring job, he stated that he has had several accidents. The last accident was when he got burned in the face while helping a boy in the neighborhood start his car. While standing in front of the engine, the boy squirted something into the carburetor which flashed up and burned him in the face.

He stated that he had been drafted during World War II from Kansas City, Missouri through the Milwaukee

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by SA [redacted] and RRG:kso Date dictated 3/23/71
SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH

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Draft Board and has served overseas with the 4th Infantry from New York after having only three weeks basic training in Miami, Florida. He received an honorable discharge. BALESTRERE stated that the honorable discharge is the same thing as a presidential pardon and that he should be allowed to obtain a liquor permit. The Kansas City Liquor Board has refused to grant him a permit, thus depriving him of a livelihood. When asked what he does for a living, he declared that he is living in forced retirement as a result of the action taken by the Kansas City, Missouri, Liquor Board.

BUSTER BALESTRERE stated that he has known FELIX ALDERISIO, also known as "MILWAUKEE PHIL" for many years. He recalled that he used to attend boxing matches with ALDERISIO. He denied any knowledge that ALDERISIO at one time fought under the name of "MILWAUKEE PHIL" and that one of the BALISTRIERIS had managed him during his boxing career.

BUSTER BALESTRERE stated that back in the good old days when TOM PENDERGAST was running Kansas City, Missouri, they did not have all of this street fighting, rape, and robbery. He stated that the country would be better off if PENDERGAST were here to run it. He also expressed the opinion that ADALIE STEVENSON was no doubt one of the most brilliant men of his time. He did not have the same comments concerning the KENNEDY Family, especially BOBBIE KENNEDY.

He stated that both FELIX ALDERISIO and SAM BATTAGLIA have been transferred from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to the U. S. Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois. He stated that they report this to be a very rough place to do time.

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BUSTIANO VITO DALESTRERE, aka;
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On 3/16/71, the captioned subject was interviewed at the Wander Inn Tavern, 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, by SAs RUSSELL R. GIRSCH and [REDACTED]. Mr. DALESTRERE advised that he had only recently returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he had attended the wake and funeral of FRANK BALISTRERI'S father.

He complained that he had observed the FBI and Police Department taking pictures of all persons attending the wake and funeral.

Inasmuch as the Kansas City Office has no current photographs of BUSTIANO VITO DALESTRERE, it is requested that the Kansas City Office be furnished a copy of this photograph.

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TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY kso
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REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA 9/30/70.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will at Missouri State Motor Vehicle Bureau, ascertain the identity of the person issued 1971 Missouri license B2P792.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
APPROVED <i>157</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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Copy to: 1 USA, Kansas City, Missouri
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Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH Office: Kansas City
Date: 3/31/71

Field Office File #: KC 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

BUSTIANO BALESTRERE continues to reside at 8604 East 83rd Street, Raytown, Missouri. He was interviewed at the Wander Inn Tavern, 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He denied ownership of this tavern and claimed to be unemployed as he is unable to obtain a liquor permit. He claimed his wife operates the tavern, which is owned by his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE. Subject informed that he had recently attended the wake and funeral of FRANK BALISTRIERI'S father in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH:

AT RAYTOWN, MISSOURI

On February 23, 1971, BUSTIANO BALESTRERE was observed entering the residence at 8604 East 83rd Street.

On March 11, 1971, a 1969 black vinyl over green Impala Chevrolet, bearing 1972 Missouri license B2P792, was observed parked in the drive of 8604 East 83rd Street.

An NCIC check of this license revealed that this registration is not on file in Jefferson City, Missouri to date.

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Memorandum

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DATE: 4/22/71

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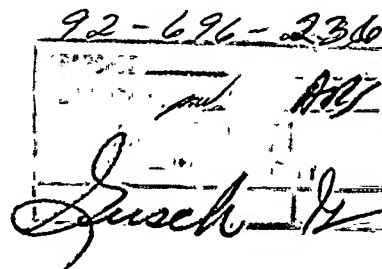
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, Aka.,
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Re Kansas City report by SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH dated 3/31/71.

On 4-21-71, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department records, Jefferson City, Mo., was checked for 1972 Missouri license B2P792. This license was issued, 2-9-71, to ROSE BALESTRERE, 8604 E. 53rd St., Kansas City, Mo., for a 1970 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 164370S222010.

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 5/20/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/21 - 5/18/71
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY WSA
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REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 3/31/71.

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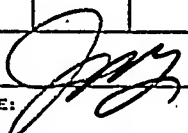
Inasmuch as captioned subject has been reported to be inactive, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months. In the event information is received that subject has again become active this case will be reopened and investigation conducted and reported.

INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is contacted by SA

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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SA [redacted] KC T-2 is [redacted] contacted by

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri
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Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 5/20/71

Field Office File #: KC 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: 1972 Missouri license B2P-792 was issued to ROSE BALESTRERE, 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Informants advise subject is not active in criminal activities.

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DETAILS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On April 21, 1971, the Missouri Motor Vehicle Department records were checked by Investigative Clerk [redacted] at which time it was determined that 1972 Missouri license B2P-792 was issued on February 9, 1971, to ROSE BALESTRERE, 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for a 1970 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 164370S222 010.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

KC T-1 advised on May 18, 1971, that BUSTIANO BALESTRERE is not active at this time in criminal activities.

KC T-2 advised on May 19, 1971, that BUSTIANO BALESTRERE is living a very quiet life and is not active in the "outfit".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Kansas City, Missouri

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 20, 1971

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Kansas City report of
SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

DATE: May 26, 1971

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Reurlet to Milwaukee 3-30-71.

On 3-8-71, [] advised JOSEPH BALISTRIERI, father of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, "boss" of the Milwaukee LCN family, died in Milwaukee of natural causes on 3-3-71. He was buried in Milwaukee on 3-6-71.

The informant advised "BUSTER" BALESTRERE, JIMMY BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE, all of Kansas City, attended the wake and funeral of JOSEPH BALISTRIERI.

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It is noted the Special Assignment Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department conducted a surveillance to obtain license numbers of cars attending the wake, but no photographs were taken.

A check of Milwaukee files and files of the Milwaukee Police Department disclosed no recent photographs of BALESTRERE.

2 - Kansas City (92-696) (RM)
3 - Milwaukee (92-166) (92-262) []

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1 cc 92-782 (Molle)
1 cc 92-1155 (James BALESTRERE)

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DATE RECEIVED 10-22-71

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REPORT BY 11-22-71

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/17/71

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE HANDLED
IN A MOST DISCREET MANNER AND SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED IN
COMMUNICATIONS GOING OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS
PARAPHRASED SO AS TO ASSURE COMPLETE SECURITY AND WOULD
NOT COMPROMISE THE SOURCE.

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1 - [REDACTED]	1 - 92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)
1 - 92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)	1 - 92-364 (J. CARROLLA)
1 - 92-112 (T. LOCOCO)	1 - 92-406 (F. DE LUCIA)
1 - 92-113 (J. FILARDO)	1 - 92-411 (C. CARROLLA)
1 - 92-114 (T. SIMONE)	1 - 92-414 (J. DI GIOVANNI)
1 - 92-115 (C. CIVELLA)	1 - 92-417 (T. FONTANELLO)
1 - 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)	1 - 92-422 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-117 (A. PRESTA)	1 - 92-424 (F. LA ROCCA)
1 - 92-123 (J. CUSUMANO)	1 - 92-438 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-124 (F. FERINA)	1 - 92-445 (J. BLANDO)
1 - 92-125 (J. BALESTRERE)	1 - 92-521 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-180 (J. DUARDI)	1 - 92-647 (S. CARROLLA)
1 - 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)	① - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)	1 - 92-713 (J. BINAGGIA)
1 - 92-246 (L. CANGELOSE)	1 - 92-722 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-252 (T. CACIOPPO)	1 - 92-828 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-254 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-883 (LCN)
1 - 92-258 (M. JABEN)	1 - 92-1077 J. MAG)
1 - 92-259 [REDACTED]	1 - 92-1153 (A. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-262 (T. CIVELLA)	1 - 92-1269 (J. BRANCATO)
1 - 92-272 (J. LASCUOLA)	1 - 92-1284 [REDACTED]
1 - 92-326 (J. GUERRA)	1 - 92-1352 [REDACTED]
WNO:WSA	1 - 92-1885 (J. MENSICO)
(46) <i>WNO</i>	1 - 92-408 [REDACTED]

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On 7/7/71, and 7/23/71, the above captioned TE furnished the following information:

TE [redacted] the Kansas City criminal organization, known to its members as the "outfit" or the "clique", in [redacted]. TE stated the term La Cosa Nostra (LCN) was not familiar to him and not used in Kansas City, however, the Kansas City "outfit" is the same thing as LCN.

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This TE identified the following individuals as members of the Kansas City "outfit":

NICK CIVELLA (Boss)
CARL DE LUNA (Underboss)
JOSEPH CARROLLA (Capo)
THOMAS CACIOPPO (Capo)
CARL CIVELLA (Capo)
BUSTER BALESTRERE
CHARLES BENJIMINA
JOE FILARDO
JOE CUSAMANO
WILLIE CAMMISANO
FELIX FERINA
JOSEPH LASCUOLA
TOM FONTANELLO
JACK BINAGGIA

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LOUIS CANGELOSE (Deceased)
TOM SIMONE (Deceased)
JOHN MANGIARACINA (Deceased)
JOE GUERRA (Deceased)
JOHN LAZIA (Deceased)
JAMES BALESTRERE, SR. (Deceased)

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KC [REDACTED]

CHARLES GARGOTTA (Deceased)
TONY GIZZO (Deceased)
JOHN BLANDO
CHARLES CARROLLA (Deported)

[REDACTED]
LARRY MUSSO (Las Vegas)

CHARLES BINAGGIO (Deceased)
JOE DI GIOVANNI (Died 8/6/71)
GAETANO LOCOCO
SAM CARROLLO
TONY CIVELLA
FRANK DE LUCA

TE stated that many years ago a group of individuals, many of whom were "outfit" members controlled all bootlegging in the Kansas City area and were known as the "Sugar House Syndicate". This group was headed by JOHN LAZIA, who was a close associate of THOMAS J. PENDERGAST, then a powerful Kansas City political figure. Members of the "Sugar House Syndicate" were as follows:

JOE FILARDO
JOSEPH CUSAMANO

[REDACTED]
JOHN BLANDO

JACK BINAGGIA
CHARLES CARROLLA
JOE DI GIOVANNI

[REDACTED]
JAMES BALESTRERE, SR.
GAETANO LOCOCO

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LAZIA was responsible for organizing all illegal activities in the Kansas City area and his immediate subordinates were JOE LASCUOLA, CHARLES CARROLLA, [REDACTED] and JAMES BALESTRERE, SR.

TE stated during the late 1940s the "family" in Kansas City was recruiting members and sought those persons who could be considered trustworthy, quiet and above all able to follow instructions.

TE stated that persons such as JAMES DUARDI and [REDACTED] were used by the Kansas City "family", however were never made members because neither could be controlled.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were used by the "family" for armed robberies and the

KC [redacted]

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loot from these crimes were "fenced" through [redacted]
[redacted].

TE noted that [redacted]
was the only [redacted] who was a
"straight john".

TE stated that Missouri State Senator JASPER BRANCATO is not an LCN member. BRANCATO owes his allegiance to the "outfit" because of the political power the "outfit" wields. BRANCATO has and will continue to perform assignments which will be in the best interests of the Kansas City "outfit".

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TE advised that ALEX PRESTA is not an LCN member, however, like BRANCATO, owes his allegiance to the Kansas City "outfit". PRESTA is under the complete control of the Kansas City "family".

TE stated that MAX JABEN and [redacted] are very close to the Kansas City "outfit" and both are highly respected by the CIVELLA "Family" and therefore are privy to secrets that normally only "outfit" members would know. [redacted] is considered one of the best organizers of gambling in the United States. JABEN, in the past, has been involved with "outfit" members in corrupting politicians and performing other services including such things as armed robberies.

TE stated that JOHN MENSICO, who is not an "outfit" member, despises FELIX FERINA and would probably do anything, including taking FERINA's life, in order to even an old score MENSICO has with FERINA. TE explained that in the 1950s MENSICO set up an inside job relative to a drug store in Kansas City which FERINA and others pulled off, however, MENSICO never received his share of the proceeds from this score.

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Date _____

BUSTER BALESTRERE was contacted at his place of business, The Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th Street, at which time he was found sitting at the bar drinking beer. Mr. BALESTRERE appeared to be interested in carrying on a general conversation, however, he studiously avoided any conversation connected with the organized criminal element in Kansas City or the "Outfit."

Mr. BALESTRERE complained that the music union had caused him to close down his dance floor at The Wander Inn because of the high wages they demand for a band. He stated that his inn is simply a family-type neighborhood inn catering to elderly people and laborers. He stated that the past few months his business has been extremely slow, so much so, in fact, that he has let his barmaids go and is breaking in his wife, ROSE JOANNE BALESTRERE, as a barmaid. He introduced his wife to SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH.

Mr. BALESTRERE expressed a bitterness against the Federal Government, pointing out that the Government is always fooling the people. He stated that they publish statistics to show whatever they desire to show. He gave as an example a Government release that alcoholism was the third greatest social disease in the United States. Mr. BALESTRERE claimed that this statement was entirely wrong as the material gathered for this statement was gathered from police departments and that the records of police departments are false because whenever a policeman stops a man for driving in what appears to be a drunk condition and smells alcohol on his breath, he books him as an alcoholic whereas most of the time this driver is under the influence of pills or dope and has had only one or two drinks. He also declared that dope pushers and pimps should be handled by the Government undercover like they handle so many other people. When asked for an explanation of this, he said that the Government should take dope peddlers and

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pimps out and shoot them and tell the people that they did something else with them. He said the Government is always doing these kinds of things under cover. He stated that he feels this way about dope pushers and pimps as he has children and would kill anyone who got them on dope or into prostitution. When asked if he had been in Kansas City all his life he stated that he was born and raised in Kansas City, but learned his trade as a waiter and bartender up north, meaning Wisconsin, South Dakota and Michigan. He stated that he returned to Kansas City about thirteen years ago.



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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 11/22/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/8 - 11/16/71
TITLE OF CASE BUSTANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY clc
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REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 5/20/71.
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, 5/26/71.

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INFORMANTS

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KC T-1 is contacted by a Milwaukee Division Agent.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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KC T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
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Original documents reporting contact with the following informant on the specified dates can be located in the following file:

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Informant	Identifying #	Date of Contact	Original location
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Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 11/22/71

Field Office File #: KC 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETERING

Synopsis: BUSTER BALESTRERE, JIMMY BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE, all of Kansas City, attended the wake and funeral of JOSEPH BALISTERIERI at Milwaukee on 3/6/71. BUSTER BALESTRERE, upon interview at his place of business, the Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on 10/26/71, complained bitterly against the Federal government and he claimed that his business was very poor. BUSTER BALESTRERE was identified as a member of the Kansas City "Outfit" by source.

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DETAILS:

On March 8, 1971, KC T-1 advised that JOSEPH BALISTERIERI, father of FRANK PETER BALISTERIERI, "Boss" of the Milwaukee La Cosa Nostra Family, died in Milwaukee of natural causes on March 3, 1971. He was buried on March 6, 1971, in Milwaukee.

KC T-1 further advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE, JIMMY BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE, all of Kansas City, Missouri, attended the wake and funeral of JOSEPH BALISTERIERI.

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During the interview with BUSTER BALESTRERE on October 26, 1971, it should be noted that Mr. BALESTRERE gave no indication that he was drunk even though he was drinking beer at the time of the interview. He appeared to become excited during his conversation concerning dope peddlers and pimps.

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KC T-2 advised on July 7, 1971, that BUSTER BALESTRERE is a member of the Kansas City "Outfit" which he stated was the same as the La Cosa Nostra.

On November 16, 1971, SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH observed subject's dark green over light green 1969 Impala Chevrolet, bearing 1972 Missouri license B2P-792, parked in the driveway of his residence, 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Kansas City, Missouri

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 22, 1971

Title BUSTANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R.
GIRSCH; dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 92-6916

DATE: 11/22/75

FROM : SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO BALESTRERE
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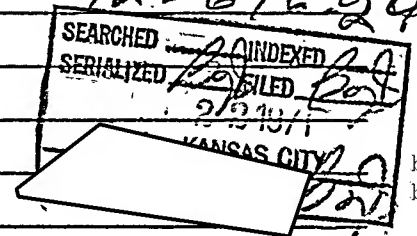
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DATE: 11/26/71

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

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Name of subject to which this form applies

Origin Office

Kansas City

☐ New Subject

☒ Status Change

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01 Year of Birth

(use last 2 digits) _____

02 Birth Place

- 01 U. S.
- 02 Italy
- 03 Sicily
- 04 Naples
- 05 Calabria
- 06 Abruzzi
- 09 _____

03 Birth Verification

- 01 Birth record
- 02 Baptismal record
- 03 Delayed recording
- 04 INS record
- 05 Doctor certificate
- 06 Midwife certificate
- 07 Not verified
- 09 _____

04 Status

- 01 Active
- 02 Retired
- 03 Missing
- 04 Present fugitive
- 05 Deceased
- 06 Incarcerated
- 07 Unknown

05 La Cosa Nostra "Family"

- 98 Unknown
- 99 Not a member

06 Rank

- 01 Boss
- 02 Underboss
- 03 Consigliere
- 04 Capodecina
- 05 Former leader
- 06 Soldier
- 07 Proposed
- 08 Possible member
- 09 Unknown

07 Commission

- 01 Current member
- 02 Past member
- 03 Possible member
- 04 Associated with
- 05 Communicates with
- 06 Relative of member
- 07 No connection with

08 Best Source Number

Identity _____

09 Type of Best Source

- 01 C*
- 02 C-TE
- 03 PC
- 04 C
- 05 PCI

10 Relatives in La Cosa Nostra

- 01 Blood relation
- 02 Relation by marriage
- 03 Both
- 04 Not related
- 05 Unknown

11 La Cosa Nostra "Family" of Relatives

12 Citizenship

- 01 U. S. born
- 02 Naturalized
- 03 Denaturalized
- 04 Resident status
- 05 Non-citizen
- 06 Awaiting deportation
- 07 Deported
- 09 _____

13 Organization Connection

(Use for non-La Cosa Nostra members only)

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Unknown

14 Type of Gambler

- 01 Writer
- 02 Runner-collector
- 03 Controller
- 04 Office clerk
- 05 Banker
- 06 Layoff man
- 07 Casino operator
- 08 Casino employee

- 09 Dice game operator
- 10 Dice game employee
- 11 Cards
- 12 Wire Service operator
- 13 Not applicable
- 14 _____

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15 Legitimate Enterprise

Operates Wander Inn - Bar

4222 East Ninth Street,

Kansas City, Missouri

16 Illegal Activity

18 Description

Race

01 White

02 Negro

03 Other

Complexion

01 Light

02 Ruddy

03 Dark

04 Olive

05 Swarthy

Build

01 Small

02 Slight

03 Slender

04 Stocky

05 Heavy

06 Obese

07 Gross

08 Medium

Height

01 Up to 5' 1"

02 5' 2" - 5' 3"

03 5' 4" - 5' 5"

04 5' 6" - 5' 7"

05 5' 8" - 5' 9"

06 5' 10" - 5' 11"

07 5' 11" - 6'

08 6' 0" - 6' 1"

09 6' 1" and over

Weight

01 Up to 120

02 121 - 130

03 131 - 140

04 141 - 150

05 151 - 160

06 161 - 170

07 171 - 185

08 186 - 200

09 Over

19 Areas of Activity Other Than Origin Office
(Use the initials of office)

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02 _____

03 _____

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20 Places Frequented

Wander Inn - Bar

Antonio's - Restaurant

17 Nicknames and or Alias

01 _____

02 _____

Remarks: _____

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Date 4/21/72

BUSTANO BALESTRERE was contacted at his place of business, the Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th Street, at which time he advised that he continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Raytown, Missouri.

Mr. BALESTRERE complained that his bar business has never been worse. He stated he is barely making ends meet. In commenting concerning his old associates, he stated he was aware of the facts that FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, formerly of Chicago, had recently died while being incarcerated in a federal penitentiary. He stated it was his understanding that ALDERISIO's heart stopped.

BALESTRERE denied any knowledge of any organized criminal activity occurring in the Kansas City area. He further stated that he does not participate in bookmaking activities or betting with bookies. He stated he is leading a very uneventful life.

On 4/13/72 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696-246
by SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH ^{RG} -wsa Date dictated 4/17/72

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 4/24/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/3 - 13/72
TITLE OF CASE BUSTANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY WSA
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 11/22/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as captioned subject has been reported to be inactive this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months. In the event information is received that subject has again become active, this case will be reopened and investigation conducted and reported.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 4/24/72

Field Office File #: KC 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: BUSTER BALESTRERE continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Raytown, Missouri and operates the Wander Inn bar, Kansas City, Missouri. BALESTRERE denied knowledge of organized criminal activity and denied betting through bookies.

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DETAILS:

AT RAYTOWN, MISSOURI

On April 3, 1972, SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH conducted a spot check of captioned subject's residence, 8604 East 53rd Street, no activity was noted.

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Date: 6/30/72

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
KANSAS CITY DIVISION
STOP INDEX
OO: Kansas City

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, 6/14/72.

Submitted herewith are additional subjects to be included in the Stop Index File, along with those individuals from the Kansas City Division already entered:

2 Bureau

29 Kansas City

2 - 92-2799

1 - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)

1 - 92-262 (A. CIVELLA)

1 - 92-115 (C. CIVELLA)

1 - 92-116 (N. CIVELLA)

1 - 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)

1 - 92-337 (N. EVOLA)

1 - 92-124 (F. FERINA)

1 - 92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)

1 - 92-713 (J. BINAGGIA)

1 - 92-445 (J. BLANDO)

1 - 92-254 [REDACTED]

1 - 92-252 (T. CACIOPPO)

1 - 92-767 (J. CAMMISANO)

1 - 92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)

1 - 92-364 (J. CARROLLA)

1 - 92-647 (S. CARROLLO)

1 - 92-123 (J. CUSUMANO)

1 - 92-1191 [REDACTED]

1 - 92-113 (J. FILARDO)

1 - 92-417 (T. FONTANELLA)

1 - 92-272 (J. LASCUOLA)

1 - 92-273 (M. LASCUOLA)

1 - 92-112 (T. LOCOCO)

1 - 92-782 (J. MOLLE)

1 - 92-295 (C. MORETINA)

1 - 92-527 [REDACTED]

1 - 92-624 [REDACTED]

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KC 92-2799

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>FBI NUMBER</u>
CHARLES WILLIAM BENGIMINA	11/2/09	2 011 904
JACK BINAGGIA	3/25/97	833 161B
JOHN B. BLANDO	6/12/97	None

THOMAS JOSEPH CACIOPPO	2/18/13	679 492
JOSEPH CAMMISANO	8/25/15	111 572 3
WILLIAM CAMMISANO	4/26/14	769 449
JOSEPH S. CARROLLA	12/11/16	3 903 899
SALVATORE CARROLLO	8/21/14	3 018 274
JOSEPH CUSUMANO	1/25/00	828237B
JOSEPH DE LUCA	4/17/93	338 258 3
JOSEPH FILARDO	8/10/98	753 474C
THOMAS FONTANELLA	9/20/11	344 518
JOSEPH LASCUOLA	1/1/97	467 361
MICHAEL LASCUOLA	5/19/06	1 806 821
THOMAS LOCOCO	1/3/95	278 541
JOHN B. MOLLE	12/27/14	4523858
CHARLES DAVID MORETINA	2/28/28	3 973 291

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KANSAS CITY ONLY:

In addition to the above named individuals, the Bureau advised that the following have already been entered in the Stop Index File:

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTHONY THOMAS CIVELLA
CARL JAMES CIVELLA
JOSEPH NICHOLAS CIVELLA
CARL ANGELO DE LUNA
NICHOLAS EVOLA
FELIX FERINA

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Date: 8/3/72

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FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-625) (P)

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OO: NEW YORK

The following information was received from [redacted] on 8/3/72, regarding LCN members and their hoodlum associates:

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I. KANSAS CITY DIVISION1. NICK CIVELLA 92-116

CIVELLA has indicated that if he is found guilty in Kansas City concerning interstate gambling charges, the leadership of the Kansas City family will be in the hands of either CARL DeLUNA or CHARLES MORETINA.

2. JOHN AMARO 92-351

AMARO is not a member of the Kansas City LCN. He is a trusted associate who has an intimate knowledge concerning the activities controlled by the Kansas City family.

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3 - Bureau	92-116 (M. CIVELLA)	92-1153 (A. BALESTRERE)
(1- [redacted])	92-251 (J. AMARO)	(L. MUSSO)
2 - Denver	92-1129 (T. BEGULIA)	92-295 (C. MORETINA)
2 - Kansas City	92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)	92-231 [redacted]
2 - Los Angeles	92-447 (W. BALESTRERE)	92-1679 [redacted]
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3. TONY BEGULIA 92-2447

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BEGULIA is believed by informant to be [redacted] from Kansas City. BEGULIA is an extremely close associate of TONY CIVELLA. BEGULIA, may or may not be, a member of the Kansas City LCN.

4. BUSTER BALESTRERE 92-696

BALESTRERE was an "enforcer" for the Kansas City family many years ago. Informant knew BALESTRERE to be an "enforcer" in the late 1940s and early 1950s. BALESTRERE received a weekly payment from the Kansas City family for his services. Informant believed that BALESTRERE at one time in the 1940s or 1950s received \$300 per week as his "salary" from the family.

5. VETO BALESTRERE 92-447

BALESTRERE, who is the brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE, was described by informant as also an "enforcer" for the Kansas City family in the 1940s and 1950s. Informant does not positively know that VETO BALESTRERE received a "salary" such as BUSTER BALESTRERE did; however, informant advised that it was logical to assume that he did receive such a "salary".

6. ANGELO BALESTRERE 92-1153

BALESTRERE equally received a weekly "salary" during the late 1940s and 1950s for services rendered to the Kansas City family. According to informant, ANGELO BALESTRERE received as much as \$200 to \$300 per week as his "salary". BALESTRERE received his "salary" from profits made by the family from the Olympic Stadium in Kansas City which was owned by the Kansas City family.

7. CHARLES MORETINA 92-225

MORETINA will replace either one or both of NICK CIVELLA and CARL DeLUNA in the event that the latter two are found guilty and given prison sentences concerning their up-coming Federal charges. Informant said that MORETINA appeared to have a lot going for him; however, informant is not presently aware of who represents the "juice" behind the

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rise of MORETINA.

8. [redacted] 92-391

[redacted] is not an LCN member. He is closely associated with the Kansas City LCN family and a personal friend of the CIVELLAS. [redacted] is the [redacted] relative to the [redacted] in the Kansas City area. Informant noted that [redacted] was a member of the LCN family in Kansas City.

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9. [redacted] 92-1679

[redacted] who presently resides and works in the [redacted] area, is not an LCN member. [redacted] in the past, has been [redacted] in order to [redacted]

10. HARRY GOODHEART 92-2105

GOODHEART's closest friend is [redacted] of Kansas City, Missouri. GOODHEART will do anything for [redacted] relative to the Kansas City family activities in the Las Vegas area. GOODHEART, according to informant, is a "squeamish" man who is very much afraid of the CIVELLAS from Kansas City.

It should be noted that HARRY GOODHEART is presently the casino manager for the Sands Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

11. LARRY MUSSO 92-1153

MUSSO was originally made a member of the Kansas City family and was subsequently transferred from the Kansas City family to the Los Angeles LCN family.

Additional information concerning MUSSO will be found in this communication under the Los Angeles Division.

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II. LOS ANGELES DIVISION

1. LARRY MUSSO

MUSSO, according to informant, has been in the Las Vegas area representing the Los Angeles family for almost twenty years. MUSSO provides services for members of the Los Angeles family whenever he is called upon to do so.

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See #1 above.

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3. LOUIS and TOM DRAGNA

According to informant, LOUIS and TOM DRAGNA in approximately

Informant knows both the DRAGNA brothers to be members of the Los Angeles LCN family.

III. DENVER DIVISION

1. JOSEPH SPINUZZI

Informant knows SPINUZZI to be the under-boss of the family in Colorado.

2. JAMES COLLETTI

Informant knows COLLETTI to be the boss for the family in Colorado.

It should be noted that informant

(meaning Denver and Pueblo LCN members)

[redacted]

[redacted] the Colorado area.

IV. ST. LOUIS DIVISION.

The leadership of the St. Louis family; namely, TONY GIARADANO and JOHN VITALE work closely with the leadership of the Kansas City family. According to informant, the St. Louis leadership frequently requests or receives direction and guidance from the Kansas City family concerning mutual problems.

V. LAS VEGAS DIVISION

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1. [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] is not known as a member of any LCN family. [redacted] does have contacts with LCN people in both the New York City and New Haven area. [redacted] is presently [redacted] in the Las Vegas area.

2. [redacted]

[redacted] is not a member of the LCN. He is a close associate of New York LCN members. [redacted] in the Las Vegas area. [redacted] in the Las Vegas area.

3. [redacted]

[redacted] is not an LCN member. He is closely associated with several LCN members of the Kansas City family - the CIVELLAS and DeLUNA. [redacted] is not known by informant to be an LCN member; however, he has worked for LCN people in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

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LEADS:

All offices are requested to furnish any photographs or lead information which can be used to question this informant on LCN matters in which he might be knowledgeable.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT MANNER AND, UNLESS THE SOURCE IS WELL CONCEALED, REPEAT ONLY ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES OF THE REPORT IN WHICH IT IS USED. INFORMATION FROM THIS INFORMANT IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE THIS BUREAU AS IT MIGHT COMPROMISE THE INFORMANT AND PLACE HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

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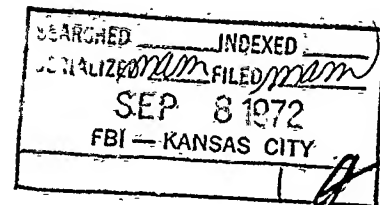
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BUSTIANO BALESTRERE was contacted at his place of business, The Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th Street, telephone 231-9191.

BUSTIANO BALESTRERE advised that he continues to operate the Wander Inn with his wife, who is the owner of record. He stated that he continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He remarked that [redacted] who is employed with [redacted] and is attending [redacted]

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The interview was discontinued upon the arrival of Mrs. BALESTRERE at the tavern.



Interviewed on 8/31/72 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 -250
by SA LEON B. LAKE, JR.
SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH RRG:mh Date dictated 9/6/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 10/31/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/31 - 10/25/72
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY clc
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 4/24/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as captioned subject has been inactive, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months. In the event information is received that subject has again become active this case will be reopened and investigation conducted and reported.

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								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
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Report of:

RUSSELL R. GIRSCH

Office:

KANSAS CITY

Date:

10/31/72

Field Office File #:

KC 92-696

Bureau File #:

92-5130

Title:

BUSTIANO VETO DALESTRERE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject, on interview, advised he continues to operate the Wander Inn, and continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

On October 3, 6 and 25, 1972, spotchecks were conducted by SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH at 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, with negative results.

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SA [REDACTED]

JOHN MOLLE
AR

On 12/26/72, Detective [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, furnished the following information:

Some time ago he had been contacted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol who in turn had received an inquiry from the State of Wisconsin concerning an automobile license plate which had been checked in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and determined to be issued to Sarann Leasing Company, of Kansas City, Missouri. The Missouri Highway Patrol had been requested by the Wisconsin authorities to determine the ownership of this car. At that time Detective [REDACTED] recommended against contact with Sarann Leasing in view of subject's ownership of this firm.

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Detective [REDACTED] stated that last week he had been recontacted by the Missouri Highway Patrol who in turn had been recontacted by Wisconsin authorities relative to this automobile. The Wisconsin authorities had indicated that they were no longer concerned with the discreetness of inquiry and requested that investigation be conducted relative to this vehicle. In view of this, the Sarann Auto Leasing Company was contacted by Detective [REDACTED] and a highway patrolman and it was determined that the vehicle in question, a 1968 Thunderbird, had on 1/18/68, been sold by the Ford Motor Company to Sarann Auto Leasing. On 1/24/68, Sarann sold this vehicle to JOSEPH P. BALESTRERI, 3034 N. Shepherd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The car was paid for by a cashier's check, #22215, drawn on the Mid-Continent National Bank in the amount of \$4,871.75.

[REDACTED] also advised that information from the Milwaukee State Police relative to this vehicle indicated that the person operating it, apparently JOSEPH P. BALESTRERE, was currently under indictment on a number of charges in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area.

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In view of the relationship between subject and BUSTIANO "BUSTER" BALESTRERE, a copy of this memo is being disseminated for his file.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 5/16/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/10/73
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANA VETO BALESTRERE		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL R. GIRSCH	TYPED BY SB
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, Kansas City, 10/31/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as captioned subject has been inactive, this case is being closed for a period of six months. In the event information is received that subject has again become active, this case will be re-opened and investigation conducted and reported.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Report of: RUSSELL R. GIRSCH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 5/16/73

Field Office File #: KC 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANA VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ROSE BALESTRERE, wife of subject, sold the Wander Inn on 2/8/73 to [redacted]. Subject drives 1966 Chevrolet Impala red in color, bearing 1973 Missouri license XN2-436 and continues to reside at 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On May 7, 1973, an attempt was made to interview BUSTIANA BALESTRERE at the Wander Inn, 4222 East 9th Street. The name of the Wander Inn had been changed to the Hitching Post. [redacted] advised that ROSE BALESTRERE had sold the tavern to [redacted]. She advised that she does not think BUSTIANA BALESTRERE is presently employed. She stated that he seldom visits the bar.

On May 10, 1973, [redacted], Administrative Assistant to the Director, Kansas City, Missouri, Liquor Control Board, advised his files revealed on February 8, 1973, all goods and chattels located at 4222 East 9th Street, were sold by BUSTIANA BALESTRERE to [redacted] residence address [redacted]. [redacted] advised that a review of the licensee's files failed to reveal that the subject or his wife had purchased another tavern.

On May 7, 1973, an old 1966 red Chevrolet Impala, two door, bearing Missouri license XN2-436, was observed parked in the drive of 8604 East 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

6/5/73

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-199)⁶⁹⁶
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337) (P)
SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR
OO: Kansas City

On [redacted] advised
SA ROY L. TUSSEY as follows:

"BUSTER" BALESTRERE arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada,
BALESTRERE [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

He said that he was in contact with [redacted]
[redacted] however, he did not identify these
persons [redacted]

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Will contact appropriate sources re BALESTRERE's
visit to Las Vegas in order to determine further details.

② - Kansas City
2 - Las Vegas

(1 - [redacted])
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2. Will consider physical surveillance of BALESTREERE in order to determine his current contacts and day to day activities.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Las Vegas, Nevada

1. Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] re future activities of BALESTREERE in Las Vegas.

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6/20/73

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) P
SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Las Vegas airtel to Kansas City, 6/5/73.

Kansas City residence of subject, 8604 East 53rd Street, Raytown, Missouri, checked 6/15/73, and was learned that BALESTRERE and family had moved from the above address on or about 6/8/73.

Present whereabouts unknown, however, due to information in referenced airtel, BALESTRERE may be en route to or residing in Las Vegas at present.

LEAD:

LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will contact appropriate sources to determine if BALESTRERE currently residing in Las Vegas.

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will determine BALESTRERE's present whereabouts and accurate date of move from above address.

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Date: 6/27/73

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337) (P)
SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Reurairtel, 6/20/73.

[redacted] on 6/26/73, advised subject has moved his family from Kansas City to Las Vegas in order to take up permanent residence in Las Vegas. TE will determine exact location and type of business subject will be involved in and furnish same to Kansas City.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

DATE: 8/14/73

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-337) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Las Vegas

Remyairtel, 6/27/73.

[redacted] advised on 8/9/73, subject is now managing Antonio's Delicatessen, located in the Tropicana Shopping Center, Paradise and Tropicano Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. This business is owned by JAMES BALESTRERE, who is brother of subject.

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LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Will furnish appropriate communication to Bureau and Las Vegas, changing office of origin from Kansas City to Las Vegas.

2. Will furnish all information re subject which Las Vegas does not have in file.

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2 - Las Vegas

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) P

BUSTIANO VETO. BALESTRERE, aka

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Re Kansas City report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 5/16/73.

Kansas City was advised on 6/27/73, that subject currently residing in Las Vegas, Nevada. Request change of office of origin from Kansas City to Las Vegas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

FROM : Director, FBI (92-5130)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

DATE: 9-19-73

Rerep SA Russell R. Girsch, 5-16-73, and
Kansas City letter to Bureau 8-31-73.

Review of this file indicates that captioned subject has been inactive since early part of 1972 which caused Kansas City to close this case. Above referenced letter fails to reflect any details regarding source of recent information that subject is residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, or that he is currently active to necessitate any current investigation by the Las Vegas office.'

Kansas City furnish additional information concerning their source and full details of subject's current activities. This information and other background data should be furnished to Las Vegas to establish whether Las Vegas should conduct an AR investigation.

Las Vegas will verify subject's residence and advise if information has been received concerning his present activities to warrant an AR investigation at Las Vegas.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) P

BUSTIANO VETO DALESTRERE, aka
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ReEulet, 9/19/73.

On 6/11/73, information received from Las Vegas Division revealed the subject visited Las Vegas, Nevada, from 5/20/73 through 6/2/73, and indicated an intention to relocate with his family to the Las Vegas area and engage in the restaurant or grocery business.

On 6/15/73, a spot check conducted at the residence of the subject, 2604 East 53rd Street, Raytown, Missouri, by SA [redacted] revealed the subject and family moved from that address on or about 6/8/73.

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On 7/2/73, information received from Las Vegas Division indicated the subject had [redacted], and indicated he had moved his family to Las Vegas, Nevada, in order to take up permanent residence there.

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On 8/20/73, information received from the Las Vegas Division indicated that the Las Vegas Office had been advised on 8/9/73, by a reliable source that the subject is currently managing Antonio's Delicatessen located in the Tropicana Shopping Center, Paradise and Tropicana Road, Las Vegas, which is owned by the subject's brother, JAMES DALESTRERE.

Subject was identified as an active member of the La Cosa Nostra during October of 1964 by the Milwaukee Division and subject has associated with organized crime figures in Kansas City, Missouri, during his residence here, as reflected in previous investigative reports.

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In view of the subject's past activities and associates, it is recommended an AR investigation be conducted by the Las Vegas Division to determine the subject's current activities. Copies of pertinent Kansas City Division investigative reports will be forwarded for the Information of the Las Vegas Division.

Due to the fact the subject's current residence is in Las Vegas, Nevada, it is requested the office of origin be changed from Kansas City to Las Vegas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696)

DATE: 11/1/73

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
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OO: Kansas City

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The writer has been assigned full time to special investigation entitled ETAL, ITAR-GAMBLING; IGB, OO: Kansas City." Work has been substantially continuous since early September and full time since October 6, 1973.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

DATE: 11-7-73

FROM : Director, FBI (92-5130)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City letter 10-31-73.

Office of origin in this case has been changed to Las Vegas. Kansas City is to forward pertinent and appropriate serials and reports for information of Las Vegas.

Las Vegas will continue investigation regarding this matter.

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ReBulet, 7/7/73 and Las Vegas letter, 11/8/73.

Enclosed herewith for the Las Vegas Office are the following Kansas City reports which include pertinent background data re subject:

Report of SA ROY L. TUSSEY, 6/14/68;
Report of SA ROY L. TUSSEY, 2/14/69;
Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/27/70;
Report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 3/31/71;
Report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 11/22/71;
and report of SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH, 5/16/73.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (KC [REDACTED])

DATE: 1/22/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATES OF CONTACT: 12/12, 26, 28/73

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CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN ANY UTILIZATION
OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO AS TO PREVENT
ANY POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF THIS SOURCE.

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1- [REDACTED]
1-92-112 (T. LOCOCO)
1-92-113 (J. FILARDO)
1-92-116 (N. CIVELLA)
1-92-124 (F. FERINA)
1-92-243 (C. DeLUNA)
1-92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)
1-92-251 (J. AMARO)
1-92-253 [REDACTED]
1-92-254 [REDACTED]
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1-92-290 [REDACTED]
1-92-293 [REDACTED]
1-92-295 (C. MORETINA)
1-92-411 [REDACTED]
1-92-515 [REDACTED]

1-92-517 [REDACTED]
1-92-554 (J. MANDACINA)
1-92-560 [REDACTED]
1-92-634 [REDACTED]
1-92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
1-92-335 (C. BENGIMINA)
1-92-1046 [REDACTED]
1-92-1897 [REDACTED]
1-92-2820 [REDACTED]
1-92-2137 [REDACTED]
1-92-767 (J. CAMMISANO)
1-796-56 [REDACTED]

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DECEMBER 12, 1973

TE advised WILLIE CAMMISANO continues to hang out at his new place on Monroe, just South of Independence, [REDACTED] JOE CAMMISANO and his [REDACTED]

At about [REDACTED] and FELIX FERINA came by CAMMISANO's place,

TE advised that this location was formerly a welding shop and is one large room that CAMMISANO has fixed up. There are cooking and sleeping facilities at this place, and TE speculated that CAMMISANO spends some nights at his place,

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TE stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAMMISANO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAMMISANO but is also [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 26, 1973

TE reported that [REDACTED] was in Kansas City [REDACTED] TE explained he was at [REDACTED] when one of the [REDACTED] TANO LOCOCO, [REDACTED] was in the city and was with WILLIE CAMMISANO down at [REDACTED] LOCOCO [REDACTED] LOCOCO [REDACTED] immediately. TE stated this seemed very strange in that LOCOCO [REDACTED]

KC [REDACTED]

TE stated that recently [REDACTED] hasn't been visiting [REDACTED]. TE said [REDACTED] at his place right now but instead has what appears to be [REDACTED]

TE said [REDACTED] several times. TE advised he doesn't know if [REDACTED] has any [REDACTED] since [REDACTED]

TE stated he had recently talked with [REDACTED] who has recently been working [REDACTED] TE that the [REDACTED] and she was going [REDACTED] This girl claimed [REDACTED]

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TE stated JOE FILARDO has been ill lately and is reportedly all "crippled up" with a bad back, legs and various other ailments,

DECEMBER 28, 1973

TE advised [REDACTED] is still in Kansas City and apparently [REDACTED] WILLIE CAMMISANO [REDACTED] CAMMISANO, himself, mentioned this on the prior day, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "BUSTER" BALESTRERE on the prior day and said BALESTRERE was running a delicatessen in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he has moved.

On the prior evening at about 7:00 or 7:30 PM, FELIX FARINA came by WILLIE CAMMISANO's place and these two [REDACTED] apparently to [REDACTED]

KC [redacted]

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TE stated he is acquainted with [redacted] an [redacted] who was [redacted]. TE said he saw [redacted] last week, eating [redacted] names not recalled. TE said it was his understanding [redacted] and [redacted] TE was instructed to attempt to determine where [redacted] was staying.

TE stated that for the first time he has heard that [redacted] was in Kansas City. TE explained, the other night TE was at the [redacted] PHIL FORTE when a younger Italian, whom TE knows but whose name he cannot recall, came in and during conversation, made the remark, "[redacted] FORTE [redacted]"

TE stated that [redacted] the [redacted] told TE that, according to [redacted] [redacted] That is, had [redacted] as they were not doing [redacted] According to [redacted] have a type of [redacted] where they are to [redacted] immediately for [redacted]

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TE said he was also told that [redacted] at [redacted] either yesterday or today. TE speculated this [redacted] could have been a [redacted] Also, TE stated [redacted] has been seen with [redacted] lately. TE stated a [redacted] may have involved four or five people,

KC [REDACTED]

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JANUARY 7, 1974

TE advised that the day before yesterday, about 2:00 - 3:30 PM, FELIX FERINA and CHARLIE MORETINA visited with WILLIE CAMMISANO at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also at this location along with GEORGE HARRIS and a number of other individuals, TE stated [REDACTED] was over at [REDACTED] last week, accompanied by [REDACTED]

TE said that he had a long talk with [REDACTED] the other day and [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] him for a little piece of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will also be in this [REDACTED]

During this conversation, [REDACTED]

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TE stated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

TE said he heard that [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] during his stay, probably attending the annual [REDACTED] held there, and reportedly NICK CIVELLA was not too [REDACTED] remained in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TE stated [REDACTED] was telling how [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has gotten friendly with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is also [REDACTED]

TE said he has heard that [REDACTED] continues to [REDACTED] TE heard that the other night [REDACTED] and five others had [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

KC [REDACTED]

JANUARY 8, 1974

TE said that on the prior evening, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TE said [REDACTED] have been running around together lately.

TE advised CARL DE LUNA [REDACTED] and apparently wanted to see [REDACTED] who left to go see DE LUNA,

TE said [REDACTED] CAMMISANO [REDACTED] came in [REDACTED] CAMMISANO he had seen a [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED], near CAMMISANO's place. This [REDACTED] CAMMISANO for some reason and he [REDACTED]

TE said [REDACTED] is in [REDACTED] and was saying he is [REDACTED] now at [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED]

JANUARY 9, 1974

TE said yesterday morning, about 8:30 AM, he spotted [REDACTED] was still in Kansas City,

TE advised there was a large congregation of people at the Capri Motel last night, The Round Table Group that usually meets one Wednesday each month, [REDACTED] the electrical union official from St. Louis was in town at the Capri with this group.

TE stated TANO LOCOCO is hospitalized at the new Osteopathic Hospital,

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KC [REDACTED]

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TE stated he had forgotten to mention that about a week ago, CHARLES "RED BRICK" BENGIMINA came by [REDACTED] and both of them left together.

JANUARY 10, 1974

TE advised [REDACTED] TANO LOCOCO at the Osteopathic Hospital, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On the prior day, [REDACTED] was going [REDACTED] TE overheard some talk about having gotten [REDACTED] for CAMMISANO [REDACTED]

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TE stated the [REDACTED] who is close to [REDACTED] was also at this location.

JOE MANDACINA and [REDACTED] CAMMISANO's place briefly, chatted with CAMMISANO and left.

TE advised that [REDACTED] called TE to say he had learned [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and were getting ready to [REDACTED] TE said that [REDACTED] is friendly with this [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] who is a [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] and gets his information from [REDACTED]

KC [REDACTED]

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JANUARY 11, 1974

TE advised that on the prior day, [REDACTED], and then left together. JOE MANDACINA and [REDACTED] stopped by for a few minutes, talked with CAMMISANO and left. [REDACTED] also stopped by [REDACTED]. TE doesn't feel that [REDACTED] is too involved with the "North End."

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TE said CAMMISANO is still working on this location, is putting two bathrooms in and doing some partition work.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-7954)

2/11/74

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-1389) (C)

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MEMBERSHIP INDEX
AR - CONSPIRACY

Inasmuch as DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, born November 16, 1918, FBI No. 1 057 020, has moved his residence to Las Vegas, Nevada, he is being deleted as an LCN member of the Kansas City Division.

Stop Index cancellation with NCIC submitted.

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TO: Director, FBI (92-5130)

DATE: 2/11/74

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

- ☐ ADEX Extremist
☐ Urban Guerrilla Warfare Suspect
☐ Venceremos Brigade Member
☐ Weatherman
☐ Bank Robbery Suspect
☐ Top Jewel Thief
☒ Other: (Specify) LCN member

☐ Place Stop (See NCIC Manual, Part II, for Field Codes)

☐ Modify Stop (Enter Only Information That Is To Be Changed)

☒ Cancel Stop (Enter Name And One Other Identifier) (Enter Reason for Cancel under MIS Field)

NAM Last Name First Middle BALESTRERE BUSTIANO VETO			AKA Last Name First Middle Buster "Little Joe"		
FBI Number 1 057 020		SOC Social Security Number			
MNU Miscellaneous No.	DOB Date of Birth Month Day Year	POB Place of Birth		RAC Race	SEX
MIS Miscellaneous Moved to Las Vegas, Nevada					
LIC License Plate No.		LIS License Plate State		LIY License Plate Year	LIT License Plate Type
VIN Vehicle Identification Number		VYR Vehicle Year		VMA Vehicle Make	VMO Vehicle Model
OLN Operator's License Number				OLS Op. License State	OLY Op. Lic. Yr. Exp.

Caution Statement

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LAS VEGAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LAS VEGAS	DATE 5/15/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/26/74 - 5/15/74
TITLE OF CASE BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA ROY L. TUSSEY	TYPED BY krc
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES:

Kansas City letter to Las Vegas, 12/28/73 (IO).

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Captioned subject has been reported to be inactive re LCN activity in the Las Vegas area. This case is being placed in a closed status. In the event information is developed that subject has become active, this case will be reopened and appropriate investigation initiated.

INFORMANTS:

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LV T1 is

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED:					☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
COPIES MADE:		
3 - Bureau (92-5130) ① - Kansas City (92-696) (Info) 1 - Las Vegas (92-337)		92 - 696 - 268

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

SA ROY L. TUSSEY

Office:

Las Vegas

Date:

5/15/74

Field Office File #:

92-337

Bureau File #:

92-5130

Title:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

BALESTRERE is employed as a bartender for the MGM Grand Hotel and resides Apartment A, 2360 Black Canyon Avenue, both in Las Vegas, Nevada. LV T1 advised BALESTRERE and his brother [redacted]

[redacted] Same source advised BALESTRERE was not involved in any LCN activity in the Las Vegas area at the present time.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Employment

LV T1, on May 15, 1974, advised BUSTER BALESTRERE was presently employed as a bartender by the MGM Grand Hotel. He works primarily as a bartender for banquets and conventions held in the hotel.

The records of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), as reviewed on May 15, 1974, reflected the following information:

BALESTRERE, under Social Security Number 487-03-1260, is employed as a bartender by the MGM Grand Hotel. He is described as a white male, born November 16, 1918 in Kansas

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City, Missouri. He is 5'8" in height, 151 pounds in weight, and has brown eyes and black hair. He has LVMPD number 284086.

B. Residence

LV T1, on May 15, 1974, advised BALESTRERE resides with his wife and family in Apartment A, 2360 Black Canyon Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The records of the LVMPD, supra, reflect that BALESTRERE on November 12, 1973, resided at Apartment 3, 1173 Maryland Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

LV T1 on March 26, 1974 and May 15, 1974, advised BALESTRERE and his brother JAMES [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] According to this source, JAMES BALESTRERE, who formerly was a floorman at the Flamingo Hotel, was fired from this job and took over the operation of Antonio's Delicatessen which BUSTER BALESTRERE had been running.

LV T1 continued that BUSTER BALESTRERE is having a difficult time relative to obtaining enough money in order to meet his personal needs. He added that BALESTRERE, to the best of his knowledge, has not, and is not presently involved in any LCN activities in the Las Vegas area.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Las Vegas, Nevada

May 14, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title **BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA ROY L. TUSSEY
At Las Vegas, dated and captioned
as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/15/77

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

4/13/77

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available)

See below

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED WITH
CAUTION SO THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE
WILL NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

1-92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)
RPS/sb

ORIGINAL LOCATED [REDACTED]

PERSONAL DATA

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On April 13, 1977 TE advised also present at the wake of BUSTIANO "Buster" BALESTRERE was PETE BALESTRERE, a relation of BUSTER's, who TE also identified as a member of the LCN family in Milwaukee. TE stated that CORKY CIVELLA was not sure whether WILLIE CAMMISANO recognized PETE BALESTRERE and therefore introduced PETE BALESTRERE to CAMMISANO by using the phrase, "This is a friend of ours". CAMMISANO almost immediately responded that he knew who PETE BALESTRERE was and the conversation continued on. CAMMISANO said something to the effect of, "Yes, I know him".

TE stated that PETE's brother, FRANK BALESTRERE, is also a LCN member in the Milwaukee family, who has recently served time or is now serving time in the federal penitentiary at Sandstone, believed to be in Wisconsin. TE is not positive that FRANK BALESTRERE is PETE BALESTRERE's brother, but he believes this to be the case.

TE also said that BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother, JIM BALESTRERE lives in Las Vegas and is not a member of the LCN. It is common knowledge in Kansas City LCN family that JIM BALESTRERE "can do a lot of things in Las Vegas if someone needs help".

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On April 13, 1977, TE advised that he was in attendance at the wake for DUSTIANO "Buster" BALESTREERE held at the Sebetto Funeral Home on April 9, 1977. The following persons were in attendance at the wake:

CARL CIVELLA
TUFFY DE LUNA

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WILLIE CAMMISANO
CHARLIE MORETINA

TE stated that BALESTREERE was not residing in the Kansas City area at the time of his death but that his body was shipped here from another city not known to TE. There is no question in TE's mind that BUSTER BALESTREERE was a member of the Kansas City LCN family based on things that were said at the wake and based on the honor and respect that were shown to he and his family.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

BUSTER V. BALESTRERE

Buster V. Balestrere, 53, of 8604 E. 53rd, died after a long illness Wednesday at a hospital in Phoenix. He was a life-long resident here. Mr. Balestrere was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Rose Marchese Balestrere of the home; a son, Frank Balestrere, Kansas City; three daughters, Mrs. Jody Zang, Phoenix; Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Kansas City, and Miss Toni L. Balestrere of the home; his mother, Mrs. Josephine Balestrere, Kansas City; a brother, James Balestrere, Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Molle, Kansas City, and Mrs. Cath-

erine Picciurro and Mrs. Mary Ballistreri of Milwaukee, and four grandchildren. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the church; burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Sebbeto Chapel, where friends may call after 7 p.m. Saturday and after 2 p.m. Sunday. The family requests no flowers.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Kansas City Times

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*January 2. V.
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DEATH NOTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20537

Date 7/21/77

Attention: Identification Division

The following is the record of a death of an individual whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Division of the FBI:

Name (Last, first, middle) BALESTRERE, BUSTIANO VETO		Date fingerprints submitted
Aliases Buster		Other identifying information (Armed Service enlistment no., etc.)
Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	FBI Number 1057020 Contributor's No. (Original)	
Date of birth 11/16/18	Place of birth Kansas City, Missouri	Fingerprint Classification-FBI
Date of death 4/6/77	Cause of death Natural causes	
Post Death Notice in Record on Authority of:		

FBI, Kansas City

Name

Contributor and Address

The Name, Number, Agency should be exactly the same as they appear on the fingerprint card in the file of the FBI. In all instances when the FBI No. is known it should be indicated. When the FBI No. is indicated it is not necessary to indicate the fingerprint classification.

This form can be used by a Law Enforcement Agency when it receives accurate and positive information concerning the death of an individual whose fingerprints are in the file of the FBI. As a general rule in those cases where a Law Enforcement Agency is investigating a death the ten inked impressions should be taken on a regular fingerprint card.

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